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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE First Session of the Twelfth Congress commenced this day at the city of Washington, conformably to the proclamation of the President of the United States, of the 24th of July last, and the Senate assembled.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1811.

PRESENT,

The Honorable **GEORGE CLINTON**, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

From the State of New Hampshire,	the Honorable	{ Nicholas Gilman, and Charles Cutts.
Connecticut,	the Honorable	{ Chauncey Goodrich, and Samuel W. Dana.
Vermont,	the Honorable	{ Stephen R. Bradley.
New York,	the Honorable	{ John Smith, and Obediah German.
New Jersey,	the Honorable	{ John Condit, and John Lambert.
Pennsylvania,	the Honorable	{ Andrew Gregg, and Michael Leib.
Delaware,	the Honorable	{ Outerbridge Horsey.
Maryland,	the Honorable	{ Samuel Smith, and Philip Reed.
Virginia,	the Honorable	{ William B. Giles.
North Carolina	the Honorable	{ Jesse Franklin.
South Carolina,	the Honorable	{ John Gaillard, and John Taylor.
Georgia,	the Honorable	{ William H. Crawford, and Charles Tait.
Kentucky,	the Honorable	{ John Pope.
Tennessee	the Honorable	{ Joseph Anderson.
Ohio,	the Honorable	{ Thomas Worthington.

The Honorable George M. Bibb, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Kentucky, for the term of six years, commencing on the 4th day of March last: the Honorable George W. Campbell, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Tennessee, in place of the Honorable Jenkin Whiteside, resigned; the Honorable Jeremiah B. Howell, appointed a Senator, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March last, by the legislature of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; the Honorable Joseph B. Varnum, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Massachusetts, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March last; respectively produced their credentials, which were read, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them, and they took their seats in the Senate.

The oath was also administered to Messrs. Condit, Crawford, Giles, Gilman, and Taylor, their credentials having been read and filed during the last session.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Resolved, That each Senator be supplied, during the present session, with three such newspapers printed in any of the states as he may choose, provided that the same

be furnished at the usual rate for the annual charge of such papers: and provided, also that if any Senator shall choose to take any newspapers other than daily papers, he shall be supplied with as many such papers as shall not exceed the price of three daily papers.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That the Senate will, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, proceed to a choice of a Doorkeeper, who shall also discharge the duty of Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Taylor presented the memorial of Joseph Wheaton, praying remuneration for services rendered the United States in the Revolutionary war, and compensation for losses sustained therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled, and have elected Henry Clay, Esq. one of the Representatives from the state of Kentucky, their Speaker, and are ready to proceed to business. They have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled and ready to receive any communications that he may be pleased to make to them. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That the Senate do concur in the appointment of a joint committee on their part, agreeably to the resolution last mentioned; and

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson and Gaillard be the committee.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1811.

The Honorable Richard Brent, from the state of Virginia, attended.

Mr. Anderson reported, from the joint committee, that they had waited on the President of the United States, agreeably to order, and that the President informed the committee that he would make a communication to the two Houses this day, at twelve 12 o'clock.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed agreeably to the forty-second rule for conducting business in the Senate; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Leib, Franklin, and Cutts, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Gilman,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed agreeably to the 22d rule for conducting business in the Senate; and

Ordered, That Messrs. Gilman, Campbell, of Tennessee, and Bibb, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

The Senate proceeded to the election of a door-keeper, agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, and the whole number of ballots collected was 27, of which Mountjoy Bayly had 20, and was accordingly elected in the place of James Mathers, deceased.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Fellow citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

In calling you together sooner than a separation from your homes would otherwise have been required, I yielded to considerations drawn from the posture of our foreign affairs; and in fixing the present, for the time of your meeting, regard was had to the probability of further developments of the policy of the belligerent powers towards this country, which might the more unite the national councils in the measures to be pursued.

At the close of the last session of Congress, it was hoped that the successive confirmations of the extinction of the French decrees, so far as they violated our neutral commerce, would have induced the government of Great Britain to repeal its orders in council, and thereby authorize a removal of the existing obstructions to her commerce with the United States.

Instead of this reasonable step towards satisfaction and friendship between the two nations, the orders were, at a moment when least to have been expected, put into more rigorous execution; and it was communicated through the British envoy just arrived, that, whilst the revocation of the edicts of France, as officially made known to the British government, was denied to have taken place, it was an indispensable condition of the repeal of the British orders that commerce should be restored to a footing that

would admit the productions and manufactures of Great Britain, when owned by neutrals, into markets shut against them by her enemy: the United States being given to understand that, in the mean time, a continuance of their non-importation act would lead to measures of retaliation.

At a later date, it has indeed appeared, that a communication to the British government, of fresh evidence of the repeal of the French decrees against our neutral trade, was followed by an intimation that it had been transmitted to the British plenipotentiary here, in order that it might receive full consideration in the depending discussions. This communication appears not to have been received: but the transmission of it hither, instead of founding on it an actual repeal of the orders, or assurances that the repeal would ensue, will not permit us to rely on any effective change in the British cabinet. To be ready to meet with cordiality satisfactory proofs of such a change, and to proceed, in the mean time, in adapting our measures to the views which have been disclosed through that minister, will best consult our whole duty.

In the unfriendly spirit of those disclosures, indemnity and redress for other wrongs have continued to be withheld; and our coasts, and the mouths of our harbors, have again witnessed scenes not less derogatory to the dearest of our national rights, than vexatious to the regular course of our trade.

Among the occurrences produced by the conduct of British ships of war hovering on our coasts, was an encounter between one of them, and the American frigate commanded by captain Rodgers, rendered unavoidable on the part of the latter, by a fire, commenced without cause, by the former; whose commander is, therefore, alone chargeable with the blood unfortunately shed in maintaining the honor of the American flag. The proceedings of a court of inquiry, requested by captain Rodgers, are communicated, together with the correspondence relating to the occurrence between the Secretary of State and his Britannic Majesty's envoy. To these are added the several correspondences which have passed on the subject of the British orders in council; and to both, the correspondence relating to the Floridas, in which Congress will be made acquainted with the interposition which the government of Great Britain has thought proper to make against the proceeding of the United States.

The justice and fairness which have been evinced on the part of the United States towards France, both before and since the revocation of her decrees, authorized an expectation that her government would have followed up that measure by all such others as were due to our reasonable claims, as well as dictated by its amicable professions. No proof, however, is yet given of an intention to repair the other wrongs done to the United States, and particularly to restore the great amount of American property seized and condemned under edicts, which, though not affecting our neutral relations, and, therefore, not entering into questions between the United States and other belligerents, were, nevertheless, founded in such unjust principles that the reparation ought to have been prompt and ample.

In addition to this and other demands of strict right on that nation, the United States have much reason to be dissatisfied with the rigorous and unexpected restrictions to which their trade with the French dominions has been subjected; and which, if not discontinued, will require at least corresponding restrictions on importations from France into the United States.

On all those subjects, our minister plenipotentiary, lately sent to Paris, has carried with him the necessary instructions; the result of which will be communicated to you, and by ascertaining the ulterior policy of the French government towards the United States, will enable you to adapt to it that of the United States towards France.

Our other foreign relations remain without unfavorable changes. With Russia they are on the best footing of friendship. The ports of Sweden have afforded proofs of friendly dispositions towards our commerce in the councils of that nation also. And the information from our special minister to Denmark, shews that the mission had been attended with valuable effects to our citizens, whose property had been so extensively violated and endangered by cruisers under the Danish flag.

Under the ominous indications which commanded attention, it became a duty to exert the means committed to the executive department in providing for the general security. The works of defence on our maritime frontier have accordingly been prosecuted with an activity leaving little to be added for the completion of the most important ones; and, as particularly suited for co-operation in emergencies, a portion of the gun-boats have, in particular harbors, been ordered into use. The ships of war before in commission, with the addition of a frigate, have been chiefly employed as a cruising guard to the rights of our coast. And such a disposition has been made of our land forces, as was thought to promise the services most appropriate and important. In this disposition is included a force, consisting of regulars and militia, embodied in

the Indiana territory, and marched towards our northwestern frontier. This measure was made requisite by several murders and depredations committed by Indians, but more especially by the menacing preparations and aspect of a combination of them on the Wabash, under the influence and direction of a fanatic of the Shawanese tribe. With these exceptions, the Indian tribes retain their peaceable dispositions towards us, and their usual pursuits.

I must now add, that the period is arrived which claims from the legislative guardians of the national rights a system of more ample provisions for maintaining them. Notwithstanding the scrupulous justice, the protracted moderation, and the multiplied efforts, on the part of the United States, to substitute for the accumulating dangers to the peace of the two countries, all the mutual advantages of re-established friendship and confidence, we have seen that the British cabinet perseveres not only in withholding a remedy for other wrongs, so long and so loudly calling for it, but in the execution, brought home to the threshold of our territory, of measures which, under existing circumstances, have the character, as well as the effect, of war on our lawful commerce.

With this evidence of hostile inflexibility, in trampling on rights which no independent nation can relinquish, Congress will feel the duty of putting the United States into an armor and an attitude demanded by the crisis, and corresponding with the national spirit and expectations.

I recommend, accordingly, that adequate provision be made for filling the ranks and prolonging the enlistments of the regular troops; for an auxiliary force, to be engaged for a more limited term; for the acceptance of volunteer corps, whose patriotic ardor may court a participation in urgent services; for detachments, as they may be wanted, of other portions of the militia; and for such a preparation of the great body as will proportion its usefulness to its intrinsic capacities. Nor can the occasion fail to remind you of the importance of those military seminaries, which, in every event, will form a valuable and frugal part of our military establishment.

The manufacture of cannon and small arms has proceeded with due success; and the stock and resources of all the necessary munitions are adequate to emergencies. It will not be inexpedient, however, for Congress to authorize an enlargement of them.

Your attention will of course be drawn to such provisions on the subject of our naval force, as may be required for the services to which it may be best adapted. I submit to Congress the seasonableness, also, of an authority to augment the stock of such materials as are imperishable in their nature, or may not at once be attainable.

In contemplating the scenes which distinguish this momentous epoch, and estimating their claims to our attention, it is impossible to overlook those developing themselves among the great communities which occupy the southern portion of our own hemisphere, and extend into our neighborhood. An enlarged philanthropy, and an enlightened forecast, concur in imposing on the national councils an obligation to take a deep interest in their destinies; to cherish reciprocal sentiments of good will; to regard the progress of events; and not to be unprepared for whatever order of things may be ultimately established.

Under another aspect of our situation, the early attention of Congress will be due to the expediency of further guards against evasions and infractions of our commercial laws. The practice of smuggling, which is odious every where, and particularly criminal in free governments, where, the laws being made by all for the good of all, a fraud is committed on every individual as well as on the state, attains its utmost guilt when it blends, with a pursuit of ignominious gain, a treacherous subserviency in the transgressors to a foreign policy, adverse to that of their own country. It is then that the virtuous indignation of the public should be enabled to manifest itself through the regular animadversions of the most competent laws.

To secure greater respect to our mercantile flag, and to the honest interests which it covers, it is expedient also that it be made punishable in our citizens to accept licences from foreign governments for a trade unlawfully interdicted by them to other American citizens; or to trade under false colors or papers of any sort.

A prohibition is equally called for against the acceptance, by our citizens, of special licences to be used in a trade with the United States; and against the admission into particular ports of the United States of vessels from foreign countries authorized to trade with particular ports only.

Although other subjects will press more immediately on your deliberations, a portion of them cannot but be well bestowed on the just and sound policy of securing to our manufactures the success they have attained, and are still attaining, in some degree, under the impulse of causes not permanent; and to our navigation the fair extent of which it is at present abridged by the unequal regulations of foreign governments.

Besides the reasonableness of saving our manufactures from sacrifices which a change of circumstances might bring on them, the national interest requires that, with respect to such articles at least as belong to our defence and our primary wants, we should not be left in unnecessary dependence on external supplies. And whilst foreign governments adhere to the existing discriminations in their ports against our navigation, and an equality or lesser discrimination is enjoyed by their navigation in our ports, the effect cannot be mistaken, because it has been seriously felt by our shipping interests; and in proportion as this takes place, the advantages of an independent conveyance of our products to foreign markets, and of a growing body of mariners, trained by their occupations for the service of their country in times of danger, must be diminished.

The receipts into the Treasury during the year ending on the thirtieth of September last, have exceeded thirteen millions and a half of dollars, and have enabled us to defray the current expenses, including the interest on the public debt, and to reimburse more than five millions of dollars of the principal, without recurring to the loan authorized by the act of the last session. The temporary loan obtained in the latter end of the year one thousand eight hundred and ten, has also been reimbursed, and is not included in that amount.

The decrease of revenue arising from the situation of our commerce and the extraordinary expenses which have and may become necessary, must be taken into view, in making commensurate provisions for the ensuing year. And I recommend to your consideration the propriety of ensuring a sufficiency of annual revenue, at least to defray the ordinary expenses of government, and to pay the interest on the public debt, including that on new loans which may be authorized.

I cannot close this communication without expressing my deep sense of the crisis in which you are assembled, my confidence in a wise and honorable result to your deliberations, and assurances of the faithful zeal with which my co-operating duties will be discharged; invoking, at the same time, the blessing of Heaven on our beloved country, and on all the means that may be employed in vindicating its rights and advancing its welfare.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, November 5, 1811.

The message and part of the documents therein referred to were read.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That three hundred copies of the message and of the documents, so far as they have been read, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1811.

The Honorable James Lloyd, from the state of Massachusetts, took his seat in the Senate.

The oath prescribed was, by the President, administered to Mr. Bayly, the door-keeper and sergeant at-arms.

The Senate proceeded in reading the documents referred to in the message of the President of the United States of yesterday. And, after progress,

On motion,

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1811.

The Senate proceeded in reading the documents referred to in the message of the President of the United States of the 5th instant; and,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That nine hundred and fifty copies of the message and documents, in addition to the three hundred already ordered, be printed for the use of the Senate, making in the whole one thousand two hundred and fifty copies.

The following motions were submitted by Mr. Giles for consideration:

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as concerns the relations between the United States and France and Great Britain, with the accompanying documents, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine and report thereon to the Senate; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the encounter between an American frigate and a British ship of war, with the

accompanying documents, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine the same and report thereon to the Senate.

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the evasions and infractions of the commercial laws thereof, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine into the subject and report thereon to the Senate, and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the manufactures thereof, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine into that subject, and report thereon to the Senate, and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1811.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That Mountjoy Bayly, door-keeper and sergeant at-arms to the Senate, be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ one assistant and two horses, for the purpose of performing such services as are usually required by the door-keeper to the Senate, and that the sum of twenty-eight dollars be allowed him weekly for that purpose, to commence with, and remain during the session and for twenty days after.

Mr. Leib gave notice that on Monday he should ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage.

Mr. Varnum submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That two chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress during the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

Mr. Worthington submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to Indian affairs, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine into that subject, and report thereon to the Senate, and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Varnum be of the committee for enrolled bills, jointly with such committee as may be appointed for that purpose on the part of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President communicated a resolution of the Republican Corresponding Society, met at Brookville, in the Indiana territory, enjoining it on their delegate in Congress to use his exertions in favor of a law authorizing the people of that territory to elect their sheriffs and magistrates once in two years; which was read.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, gave notice that on Monday he should ask leave to bring in a bill making further provision for the corps of engineers.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted yesterday, "that so much of the message of the President of the United States as concerns the relations between the United States and France and Great Britain, with the accompanying documents, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine and report thereon to the Senate; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise;" and having agreed thereto,

Ordered, That Messrs. Giles, Crawford, Gregg, Franklin, Lloyd, Bradley, and Pope, be the committee.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I now lay before Congress two letters to the Department of State, one from the present plenipotentiary of France, the other from his predecessor, which were not included among the documents accompanying my message of the 5th instant, the translation of them being not then completed.

JAMES MADISON.

November 7, 1811.

The message and letters therein referred to were read.

On motion,

It was agreed that twelve hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate, and annexed to the documents with the message of the 5th instant.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted yesterday, "that

so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the evasions and infractions of the commercial laws thereof, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine into the subject and report thereon to the Senate, and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise;" and having agreed thereto,

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Taylor, Gilman, Goodrich, and Anderson, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The consideration of the other resolutions submitted yesterday was postponed to Monday.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1811.

The Honorable James Turner, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of North Carolina, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March last, produced his credentials; which were read, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Pursuant to notice given, Mr. Leib asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage, and the bill was read the first and second time by unanimous consent; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion of the 7th instant, "that so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the manufactures thereof, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine into that subject, and report thereon to the Senate, and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise;" and having agreed to the motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Varnum, Worthington, Bradley, Condit, and Dana, be the committee.

The consideration of the other resolution submitted the 7th instant was further postponed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made on the 8th instant, "that so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to Indian affairs be referred to a select committee, with instructions to examine into that subject, and report thereon to the Senate; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise;" and having agreed thereto,

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Pope, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, and Gregg, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the motion made the 8th instant, for the appointment of chaplains; and,

Resolved, That two chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress during the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

Mr. Bradley presented the petition of the Directors of the Washington Canal Company, praying to be empowered by law to raise the sum of 52,500 dollars by small annual lotteries, as authorized by an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland, of November, 1795, to enable them to complete the canal, and to drain the ground through which it runs; and the petition was read; and,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Lloyd presented the memorial and petition of J. and E. Phillips, and others, citizens of the United States, resident in Boston, in the district of Massachusetts, importers of iron and other hardwares from England, praying that provision may be made by law for the importation of such goods, wares, and merchandise, as were by them bona fide purchased on or before the second day of February last, in the dominions of Great Britain; or such other relief as the wisdom and justice of Congress may devise; and the petition was read; and

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1811.

The Honorable Alexander Campbell, from the state of Ohio, took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Giles presented the petition of Larkin Smith, collector of the district of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in Virginia, praying additional compensation, for reasons stated at large in his petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Giles, Smith, of Maryland, and Bradley, be the committee.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage correctly engrossed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

The further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage;" in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate. They concur in the resolution of the Senate of the 8th instant, for the appointment of a committee for enrolled bills, and have appointed a committee on their part. They also concur in the resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, for the appointment of chaplains. And he withdrew.

The bill brought up for concurrence was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

Pursuant to notice given, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill making further provision for the corps of engineers; and the bill was read; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That the petition of the President and Directors of the Washington Canal Company, presented yesterday, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Smith, of Maryland, and Gaillard, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Resolved, That the petition of J. and E. Phillips, and others, presented yesterday, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Bradley, and Franklin, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

It was agreed, that the Senate will to-morrow at 12 o'clock, proceed to the election of a chaplain on their part, in pursuance of the resolution of the two Houses.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1844.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The President communicated the memorial of Matthew Lyon, stating that he was fined and imprisoned under the law commonly called the sedition act, and praying remission of the fine, for reasons stated at large in his memorial; which was read.

The bill making further provision for the corps of engineers was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Anderson, Bradley, Crawford, and German, be the committee.

Mr. Bradley gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Charles Minifie.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives with the concurrence of the Senate in this bill.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

The bill originating in the Senate to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage, was postponed to the first Monday in December next.

Agreeably to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the election of a chaplain to Congress on their part, in pursuance of the resolution of the two Houses; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Reverend John Breckinridge had a majority, and was accordingly elected.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, information whether tobacco of the growth of the United States may be purchased by the regie to the full extent of the consumption of France; if not, in what proportion may such tobacco be purchased by the regie; whether the supplies of tobacco imported into France (and which may be transported through France into Germany and other European states) is subjected to a transit duty; if so, what is the amount of such duty. And, also, to cause to be laid before this House a tariff of the duties imposed by France on such of the produce and manufactures of the United States the entry of which is permitted, and particularly of tobacco, cotton, fish oil, and dried fish, and stating (if any) the difference of duty charged on such goods imported from the United States, and similar articles when introduced into France from other states, either over land or otherwise.

Mr. Worthington submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire if any, and, if any, what, further provisions or alterations are necessary for the disposition of the public lands of the United States, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1811.

The Senate resumed the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Worthington; and,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire if any, and, if any, what, further provisions or alterations are necessary for the disposition of the public lands of the United States, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Franklin, Gregg, Goodrich, and Bradley, be the committee.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Bradley asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Charles Minifie; and the bill was read and passed to a second reading.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress copies of a correspondence between the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Great Britain and the Secretary of State, relative to the aggression committed by a British ship of war on the United States' frigate Chesapeake, by which it will be seen that that subject of difference between the two countries is terminated by an offer of reparation, which has been acceded to.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, November 13, 1811.

The message and papers therein referred to were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The following written message was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress the result of the census lately taken of the inhabitants of the United States, with a letter from the Secretary of State relative thereto.

JAMES MADISON.

November 13, 1811.

The message and documents therein referred to were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1811.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have appointed the Reverend Mr. Snethen chaplain to Congress for the present session, on their part.

They have appointed Mr. Turner of the committee for enrolled bills in place of Mr. Anderson excused. And he withdrew.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage."

The bill for the relief of Charles Minifie was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon; and

On balloting, Messrs. Giles, Bradley, and Goodrich, were elected.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

He was excused, as was also Mr. Gregg, standing the next highest on the ballot; and

It was agreed that Messrs. Giles, Goodrich, and Franklin, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the motion made the 13th instant by Mr. Smith, of Maryland; and,

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, gave notice, that on Monday next he should ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure, from the Department of State, a proportionate number of the printed copies of the third census for the use of the members, which the message of the President of the United States announced as being in that department, subject to the order of Congress.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1811.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 13th instant, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

The original motion was amended and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House information whether tobacco of the growth of the United States may be purchased by the administration en regie to the full extent of the consumption of France; if not, in what proportion may such tobacco be purchased by the administration en regie; whether the surplus of tobacco imported into France (and which may be transported through France into Germany and other European states) is subjected to a transit duty; if so, what is the amount of such duty: And whether the surplus above mentioned may be exported by sea to any country in amity with France. And, also, to cause to be laid before this House a tariff of the duties imposed by France on such of the produce and manufactures of the United States, the entry of which is permitted, and particularly of tobacco, cotton, fish oil, and dried fish, and stating (if any) the difference of duty charged on such goods imported from the United States and similar articles when introduced into France from other states, either over land or otherwise.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding one of the terms of the district court in the district of Maine;" in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of the Executive business,
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1811.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage."

The bill to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Ohio,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Ohio, Worthington, and Bibb, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding one of the terms of the district court in the district of Maine," was read the second time.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1811.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends of the yearly meeting held in Baltimore, stating that a traffic has been carried on in negroes and people of color, in which those of the latter description, entitled to freedom, are frequently deprived thereof, and praying for a revision of the law in relation to this subject; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Taylor, and Tait, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Whipple, late a captain in the navy of the United States;" also, a bill, entitled "An act extending the time for opening the several land offices established in the territory of Orleans;" in which bills they desire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

* The bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding one of the terms of the district court in the district of Maine;" was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1811.

The bill, entitled "An act extending the time for opening the several land offices established in the territory of Orleans," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Ohio,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Ohio, Franklin, and Cutts, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Whipple, late a captain in the navy of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Franklin, and Goodrich, be the committee.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1811.

Mr. Tait presented the petition of Thomas O'Bannon, a citizen of Madison county, in the Mississippi territory, stating that he had entered at the land office for said coun-

ty a quarter section of land and paid the first instalment, and obtained a certificate, but that he had since discovered that the boundaries were erroneously marked by the surveyor, and praying relief; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and

Ordered, That Messrs. Tait, Reed, and Campbell, of Ohio, be the committee.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan, reported the bill without amendment, and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole, and no amendments having been proposed,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Honorable Jonathan Robinson, from the state of Vermont, took his seat in the Senate.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1811.

The Honorable William Hunter, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in place of the Honorable Christopher Grant Champlin, resigned, produced his credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Smith, of New York, presented the memorial of Howard, Fitch, and Lloyd, native citizens of the United States, and merchants of the city of New York, stating, that, in consequence of an agreement concluded on the 22d October, 1808, they have at this time a large quantity of furs lying in Montreal, for which they have actually paid, but are prevented, by the existing non-importation act, from introducing into the United States, and praying relief, and the memorial was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of New York,

Resolved, That it be referred to Messrs. Lloyd, Bradley, and Franklin, the committee to whom was referred, on the 12th instant, the memorial of J. and E. Phillips and others, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time, and the blanks filled.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States did, on the 18th instant, approve and sign the "Act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage." The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee on their part, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to have the direction of the money appropriated to purchase books for the use of the Library of the United States. And he withdrew.

The resolution last mentioned was read.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the Secretary for the Department of the Treasury, prepared in obedience to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Treasury Department," which, together with the accompanying documents, were read

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1811.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding one of the terms of the district court in the district of Maine."

Mr. Giles presented the memorial of Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton, praying for a further extension of their patents granted for steam-boats, for reasons therein stated at large; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

Resolved, That the petition be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Giles, Bradley, and Crawford, be the committee.

Mr. Leib gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill making a further appropriation for the support of a library.

Mr. Lloyd stated that one of the signers of the memorial of Howard, Fitch, and Lloyd, is a distant relation, and on his suggestion, the committee to whom the memorial was yesterday referred was excused; and,

Ordered, That it be referred to Messrs. Goodrich, Smith, of Maryland, and Bradley, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Bradley called up the petition of Moses Austin and John R. Jones, presented on the 21st January last, praying an incorporation of themselves and such other persons as shall hereafter subscribe to an institution for the purpose of mining and smelting of lead; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Cutts, and Gregg, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives among the several states, according to the third enumeration;" in which bill they desire the concurrence of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

That it be now read a second time,

It was objected to by Mr. Crawford, as against the rule; and,

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1811.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for opening the several land offices established in the territory of Orleans," reported the bill amended; and the amendment was read and agreed to, as in committee of the whole; and the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the time for holding one of the terms of the district court in the district of Maine."

The bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several states, according to the third census," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

It was agreed that it be made the order of the day for Monday next.

Pursuant to notice given, Mr. Leib asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill making a further appropriation for the support of a library; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Whipple, late a captain in the navy of the United States," reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That this bill pass to the third reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1811.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the bill making further provision for the corps of engineers, reported it without amendment.

The bill making a further appropriation for the support of a library was read a second time; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Josiah H. Webb;" in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for opening the several land offices established in the territory of Orleans," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Tait, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Honorable James A. Bayard, from the state of Delaware, took his seat in the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1811.

The oath-prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Bayard, his credentials having been read and filed during the last session.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill making a further appropriation for the support of a library, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read a third time, and the blanks filled.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act making a further appropriation for the support of a library."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Josiah H. Webb," was read the second time.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the Secretary for the Department of the Treasury, prepared in obedience to the directions of the act, entitled "An act regulating the currency of foreign coins in the United States," passed April 10, 1806; and the report was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Whipple, late a captain in the navy of the United States;" and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

On motion, by Mr. German,

It was agreed, that the bill making a further provision for the corps of engineers, be made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1811.

Mr. Leib presented the petition of Thomas F. Wharton, of the city of Philadelphia, stating that he is owner of the schooner *Esparanza*, a Spanish built vessel, purchased at Sierra Leone in the year 1810, by Samuel Richardett, master of the schooner *Ariadne*, to bring home the cargo of the schooner last mentioned, she having been condemned as not seaworthy, and that at the time of the purchase of the *Esparanza*, he had no knowledge of the act, entitled "An act to prevent the issuing of sea-letters, except to certain vessels," and praying relief; and the petition was read.

And the bill having been amended on the foregoing principles, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Josiah H. Webb;" and

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Abraham Whipple, late a captain in the navy of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several states, according to the third enumeration," correctly engrossed.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

That the bill be now read the third time,

It was objected to, by Mr. Anderson, as against the rule.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1811.

The Senate resumed the motion submitted yesterday, by Mr. Reed; and,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary in the rules and articles for the better government of the troops raised or to be raised by the United States; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Reed, Anderson, Varnum, Smith, of Maryland, and Bradley, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Josiah H. Webb," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee, reported the bill for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several states, according to the third enumeration," was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill making further provision for the corps of engineers; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. German,

To strike out, from section 5, lines 4 and 5, the following words: "at such place as shall be designated by the President of the United States:"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas 16,
	{ Nays 11.

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Campbell, of Ohio, Condit, Cutts, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Reed, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bradley, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Franklin, Gailard, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Worthington.

And further amendments having been agreed to;

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the support of a library." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act allowing further time for completing the payments on certain lands, held by right of pre-emption in the Mississippi territory;" in which bill they desire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1811.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the support of a library."

The President communicated the report of the Secretary of the Navy on moneys transferred, during the last recess of Congress, from certain appropriations for particular branches of expenditure in that department, and of the application of such moneys; and the report was read.

The bill, entitled "An act allowing further time for completing the payments on certain lands held by right of pre-emption in the Mississippi territory," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Tait, Bradley, and Franklin, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the resolution of the House of Representatives for the appointment of a committee to have the direction of the money appropriated to purchase books for the use of the library; and,

Resolved, That they concur therein; and

Ordered, That Messrs. Leib, Condit, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill making further provision for the corps of engineers correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass as amended, and that the title thereof be "An act making further provision for the corps of engineers."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1811.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill for the relief of Robert Fulton, and his associates; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Bradley presented the petition of Charlotte Hazen, relict of the late Brigadier General Moses Hazen, praying a grant of land to her as a Canadian refugee, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Gregg, and Franklin, be the committee.

Mr. Cutts gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill to annex the towns of Kittery, Elliot, and Berwick, to the district of Portsmouth.

Mr. Franklin presented the petition of David Porter, stating that he commanded the flotilla stationed at New Orleans during the existence of the laws prohibiting intercourse with France, and that he there seized and prosecuted, at his own expense, to condemnation, three vessels, the proceeds of which were distributed under the revenue laws, but that his proportion thereof did not amount to the cost of prosecution.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Giles, from the committee last mentioned, reported, in part, a bill to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Giles, from the same committee, reported, in part, a bill appropriating a sum of money for procuring munitions of war; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Giles, from the same committee, also reported, in part, a bill for the establishment of a quartermaster's department; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill for the relief of Robert Fulton and his associates was resumed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

It was made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The bill to annex the towns of Kittery, Elliot, and Berwick, to the district of Portsmouth, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Cutts,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon:

Ordered, That Messrs. Cutts, Lloyd, and Franklin, be the committee.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1811.

The bill for completing the existing military establishment was read the second time.

The bill to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, was read the second time.

The bill appropriating a sum of money for procuring munitions of war was read the second time.

The bill for the establishment of a quartermaster's department was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

These bills were severally made the order of the day for Friday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act allowing further time for completing the payments on certain lands held by right of pre-emption in the Mississippi territory;" and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

Mr. Giles presented the petition of Charles Whitlow, nurseryman and botanical collector, stating that he has discovered a native vegetable, which possesses, in the highest degree, the qualities of flax and hemp, and praying that, in consideration of making a disclosure of this important discovery to Congress, he may be allowed to import into the United States, by special licences, all such seeds, grains, and growing plants, as he may deem useful for the improvement of gardening, science, or the arts; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Giles, Gregg, German, Smith, of New York, and Bayard, be the committee.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee appointed as managers of the conference upon the subject-matter of the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several states, according to the third enumeration," made the following report:

"That the committee had held a conference with the managers appointed in behalf of the House of Representatives, and that the joint committee of the two Houses upon the close of the conference finally separated without coming to any agreement. That the committee heard nothing on the conference sufficient to induce them to depart from the amendments made by the Senate to the bill from the House of Representatives. They, therefore recommend it to the Senate to adhere to the said amendments."

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

It was agreed that the consideration of the report be the order of the day for to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The bill, entitled "An act allowing further time for completing the payments on certain lands held by right of pre-emption in the Mississippi territory," was read the third time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Burnham," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. German,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. German, Franklin, and Gregg, be the committee.

Mr. Dana presented the petition of Isaac Tryon, of Glastenbury, in the state of Connecticut, praying that the patent granted him on the 22d of February, 1798, for a new and useful improvement in manufacturing combs, may be extended for a longer time, for reasons stated therein at large; and the petition was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Robert Fulton and his associates; and, after debate,

On motion,

The further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the five enrolled bills this day reported to have been examined.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1811.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Robert Fulton and his associates; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

To postpone the consideration thereof to Monday fortnight,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

Resolved, That it be recommitted to a select committee, to consist of five members, with instructions to revise the patent laws, with liberty to report thereon by bill, bills, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Giles, Bayard, Crawford, Campbell, of Tennessee, and Anderson, be the committee.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 12th instant, approved and signed "An act to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for completing the existing military establishment; and, after progress,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1811.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for completing the existing military establishment; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and the bill was further amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force; and, after progress,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1811.

After the consideration of Executive business,

Mr. Worthington, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of spies or rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill for completing the existing military establishment correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time; and the blanks filled.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,
To recommit the bill to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon,
It was determined in the negative.
On the question, Shall this bill pass?
It was determined unanimously in the affirmative, yeas 28.

On motion, by Mr. Robinson,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit,
Crawford, Cutts, Dana, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg,
Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New
York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

So it was,
Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for completing
the existing military establishment."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Franklin presented the petition of Thomas Gordon, of Pasquotank county, in the state of North Carolina, in behalf of himself and John Shaw, praying a remission of the penalties incurred by them as securities in an embargo bond, for reasons stated therein at large; and the petition was read.

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Franklin, Taylor, and Crawford, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Tryon, presented the 12th instant, be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 26th November, the memorial of Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion,

On motion,
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1811.

The bill authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of spies or rangers, for the protection of the frontier of the United States, was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

To strike out, from section 1, line 3, the word "ten," for the purpose of inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "twenty:"

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 2, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 31. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Lambert and Reed.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Bradley, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Dana, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

To expunge the last section of the bill, as follows:

"That every commissioned and staff officer, to be appointed in virtue of this act, shall be a citizen of the United States, or some one of the territories thereof."

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 19,
Nays 14.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bibb, Bradley, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, German, Giles, Howell, Hunter, Leib, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

And the President reported the bill to the House as amended.

To strike out, from section 12, line 6, to the end of the section, as amended, the following words:

“And every non-commissioned officer and soldier who shall have faithfully performed his duty, served out his term of five years, and obtained his discharge from the proper officer, shall be entitled to, and receive, in addition to the said bounty, three months pay and a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres. And in case such non-commissioned officer or soldier shall have been discharged previous to the expiration of the term of five years for which he was enlisted, having faithfully performed his duty while in service, he shall be entitled to, and receive a land warrant for, a number of acres proportioned to the time he shall have actually served, allowing at the rate of one hundred and sixty acres for the full term of five years. And the legal representatives of every non-commissioned officer or soldier who shall be killed while in the line of his duty, or who shall, during the time for which he may have been enlisted, die in actual service, or of wounds received in battle, or while in the line of his duty, shall be entitled to, and receive a land warrant for, the full quantity of acres to which the said deceased would have been entitled had he lived and served out his full term of five years; which said land warrants shall be issued by the Secretary of War, in the names and for the use only of the persons who performed the services, or their legal representatives, and shall not be transferable to any other person or persons; and may, at their option, be located with the register of either of the land offices of the United States, subsequent to the public sales in such office, on any of the public lands of the United States then and there offered for sale; or may be received at the rate of two dollars per acre in payment of any such public lands;” and

On motion, by Mr. Robinson,

Messrs. Anderson, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Franklin, Gregg, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, and Worthington.

Messrs. Bayard, Bibb, Bradley, Brent, Crawford, Cutts, Dana, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Pope, Reed, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

And the bill was further amended.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

To strike out the word "ten," section 1, line 3—

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Pope submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the widows and representatives of the militia volunteers who fell in the late engagement with the Indians on the Wabash, under the command of Governor Harrison; and, also, of making compensation for the horses and other property lost or destroyed; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom the subject was recommitted the 13th inst. reported, in part, a bill extending the time of certain patents granted to Robert Fulton; which was read and passed to a second reading.

A message was received from the President of the United States on the 6th of December, notifying that he had that day approved and signed "An act making a further appropriation for the support of a library."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1811.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 12th instant, approved and signed the following acts: "An act for the relief of Abraham Whipple, late a captain in the navy of the United States;" "An act for the relief of Joseph H. Webb;" "An act allowing further time for completing the payments on certain lands held by right of pre-emption in the Mississippi territory;" also, "An act extending the time for opening the several land offices established in the territory of Orleans." And he withdrew.

The bill extending the time of certain patents granted to Robert Fulton was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the second reading of the bill to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force; and the motion made, by Mr. Anderson, to strike out the word "ten," section 1, line 3; and,

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

It was agreed that the question for striking out be taken by yeas and nays; and,

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1811.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The President communicated a resolution of the legislature of the state of Vermont, confirming, on the part of that state, the resolution for an amendment to the constitution respecting titles of nobility; which was read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several states, according to the third enumeration." And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force; and the motion made the 17th instant, to strike out the word "ten," section 1, line 3,

Was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas 12,
	{ Nays 21.

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bradley, Brent, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Lambert, Smith, of New York, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bibb, Dana, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill appropriating a sum of money for procuring munitions of war; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the establishment of a quartermaster's department; and

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read the third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress two letters received from Governor Harrison, of the Indiana territory, reporting the particulars and the issue of the expedition under his command, of which notice was taken in my communication of November 5th.

While it is deeply lamented that so many valuable lives have been lost in the action which took place on the 7th ultimo, Congress will see, with satisfaction, the dauntless spirit and fortitude victoriously displayed by every description of the troops engaged, as well as the collected firmness which distinguished their commander, on an occasion requiring the utmost exertions of valor and discipline.

It may reasonably be expected that the good effects of this critical defeat and dispersion of a combination of savages, which appears to have been spreading to a greater extent, will be experienced not only in a cessation of the murders and depredations committed on our frontier, but in the prevention of any hostile incursions otherwise to have been apprehended.

The families of those brave and patriotic citizens who have fallen in this severe conflict, will, doubtless, engage the favorable attention of Congress.

JAMES MADISON

Washington, December 18, 1811.

The message and letters referred to were read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1811.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time, and the blanks filled.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,

{ Yeas	26,
{ Nays	4.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bradley, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Gilman, Gregg, Horsey, Howell, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Dana, Goodrich, Hunter, and Lambert.

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

It was agreed to amend the title of the bill, by striking out the words "for a limited time."

So it was.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to raise an additional military force."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill appropriating a sum of money for procuring munitions of war, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

It was agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof until Monday next.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, also reported the bill for the establishment of a quartermaster's department, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

On motion,

It was agreed to postpone the further consideration of this bill until Monday next.

On request, Mr. Turner had leave of absence until the 10th of January.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of spies or rangers, for the protection of the frontier of the United States; and the bill was amended; and the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill extending the time of certain patents granted to Robert Fulton; and,

On motion, by Mr. German,

It was agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof until Monday next.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives among the several states, according to the third enumeration."

Mr. Worthington presented the petition of Submit R. Strong, widow of Major Elijah Strong, late of the army of the United States, on behalf of herself and three infant children; stating that her husband, while in the service of the United States, died of a malignant fever, leaving her and his children in very indigent circumstances; and praying that the half-pay, or pension, that would have been allowed the representatives of the deceased, had he died by a wound, or wounds, received in actual service, may be extended to her, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Worthington presented the petition of Amos Spafford, stating that he hath improved a certain portion of the public land near the foot of the rapids, on the south side of the Miami, and praying that a law may be passed permitting him to locate a quarter section of land, covering his improvements, at the price of other public lands, when exposed to sale; for reasons stated at large in the petition.

Mr. Worthington also presented the petition of Lewis Bond and others, residing on the Miami river, praying that they may be confirmed in their possessions of certain lands therein mentioned, for reasons stated at large in the petition; and the petitions were severally read.

Ordered, That they be severally referred to the committee appointed the 14th of November, to inquire if any, and, if any, what, further provisions or alterations are necessary for the distribution of the public lands of the United States, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives concur in the bill, entitled "An act for completing the existing military establishment." And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1811.

Mr. Varnum reported from the committee, that, on the 21st instant, they laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives among the several states according to the third enumeration."

He also reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for completing the existing military establishment."

Mr. Condit presented the petition of Aaron Ogden, of Elizabethtown, in the state of New Jersey, stating that he hath constructed a boat, to be propelled by steam, at a considerable expense, and praying that the bill pending in the Senate on this subject may not pass, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read; and

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

Ordered, That the petition be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of State on the petition of Thomas Brown, referred to his consideration the 2d instant; which was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill extending the time of certain patents granted to Robert Fulton; and

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1811.

Mr. German presented the memorial of Gouverneur Morris, and others, commissioners, appointed by an act of the legislature of the state of New York, for the consider-

ation of all matters relating to the opening a canal navigation between the great lakes and Hudson's river, praying the co-operation and aid of Congress in the contemplated work, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. German,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 6th instant, the memorial of the President and Managers of the Union Canal Company of Pennsylvania, with the addition of two members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Crawford and German be added to the committee.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress copies of an act of the legislature of New York, relating to a canal from the great lakes to Hudson's river. In making the communication, I consult the respect due to that state, in whose behalf the commissioners appointed by the act have placed it in my hands for the purpose.

The utility of canal navigation is universally admitted. It is not less certain, that scarcely any country offers more extensive opportunities for that branch of improvements than the United States; and none, perhaps, inducements equally persuasive to make the most of them. The particular undertaking contemplated by the state of New York, which marks an honorable spirit of enterprise, and comprises objects of national as well as more limited importance, will recal the attention of Congress to the signal advantages to be derived to the United States from a general system of internal communication and conveyance; and suggest to their consideration whatever steps may be proper, on their part, towards its introduction and accomplishment. As some of those advantages have an intimate connection with arrangements and exertions for the general security, it is at a period calling for these that the merits of such a system will be seen in the strongest lights.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, December 23, 1811.

The message and documents therein referred to were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. German,

Ordered, That they be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time, and the blanks filled; and,

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

It was agreed, by unanimous consent, to amend the bill, by inserting, in section 1, line 8, of the printed bill, after the word "necessary," the following words: "not exceeding six;" and,

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. German, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Burnham," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the third reading of the bill for the establishment of a quartermaster's department; and the blanks were filled; and,

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

It was agreed that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 21st instant, approved and signed "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several states, according to the third enumeration." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, presented the resolutions of the legislature of the state of Tennessee, disapproving of, and dissenting from, the amendment to the constitution

of the United States, proposed by the legislature of the state of Massachusetts, June 19, 1809, respecting embargoes and commercial restrictions: Also, from the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the legislature of the state of Virginia, on the 13th January, 1808, respecting the removal from office of the Senators in Congress of the United States, by a vote of the respective state legislatures: Also, from the amendment to the constitution of the United States, as proposed by the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, April 3d, 1809, "that an impartial tribunal may be established, to determine disputes between the general and state governments;" and approving of, and agreeing to, the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress, respecting titles of nobility; and the resolutions were read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Friday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1811.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 24th instant, they laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for completing the existing military establishment."

The President communicated the memorial of certain citizens and inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, stating their very exposed situation in the vicinity of the Indians, and requesting the interposition of government for their protection; and the memorial was read.

The President also communicated the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, praying grants of land, respectively, to the legal representatives of such officers and soldiers as fell in the late action under Governor Harrison's command, some of whom had heretofore made locations of land, partial payments, and improvements thereon; also, to each of the surviving officers and soldiers of said corps such donation in land as Congress may deem expedient; and the memorial was read.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 24th instant, approved and signed "An act for completing the existing military establishment."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following written message was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress copies of resolutions entered into by the legislature of Pennsylvania, which have been transmitted to me, with that view, by the governor of that state, in pursuance of one of the said resolutions.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, December 27, 1811.

The message and resolutions therein referred to were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. German presented the memorial of Isaiah Townsend, and others, stating that, in the year 1811, the memorialists, at great expense, built two boats, under a conviction that they had a right thereto by the existing laws of the United States, for the purpose of plying between New York and Albany, and which they have done successfully; and praying a bill on the subject of steam-boats, now before the Senate, may not pass, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the memorial be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Leib presented the memorial of Oliver Evans, stating that the memorialist verily believes himself to be the original proposer of steam-boats and steam-wagons in the United States, (Doctor Franklin only excepted;) and that he conceives his patent, dated February 14th, 1804, secured to him the right to use his engine for boats, mills, and land carriages, and praying to be left in full possession of those rights, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

It was agreed that the further consideration of the bill for the establishment of a quartermaster's department be postponed until Tuesday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1811.

The President communicated the resolution of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Mississippi territory, approving the course pursued by the general government towards the belligerent powers of Europe, and pledging themselves to "support the administration thereof in its efforts to obtain justice from offending nations;" and the resolution was read.

Mr. Howell presented the petition of Nathaniel Smith, naval officer for the district of Providence, praying additional compensation for his services, for reasons stated at large therein; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Howell,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Howell, Gregg, and Bradley, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers,'" also, a bill, entitled "An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure in payment, shall again be sold;" in which bills they desire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Bayard presented the petition of the President and Trustees of the Philadelphia and Wilmington Steam Boat Company, stating that they are desirous of establishing a daily packet, to be propelled by steam, to ply between Philadelphia, Brandywine, and Christiana creek: that they have it in their power to obtain an engineer, who is an alien, to conduct and superintend the work, upon being admitted to receive a share of the net profits; that a boat of the size and form contemplated would be subject to the same rules and regulations as if employed in the foreign or coasting trade, which exclude an alien, who is the constructor or projector, from a share of the boat or profits, and that they will be deprived of the aid of this artist without the interposition of Congress; and praying relief; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Condit, and Howell, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill extending the time of certain patents granted to Robert Fulton; and the bill was amended, and the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening a public road from the line established by the treaty of Greenville to the North Bend, in the state of Ohio," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Burnham; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Bradley submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the members of this House will wear crape on the left arm for one month, in testimony of the national respect and sorrow for the unfortunate persons who perished in the city of Richmond, in Virginia, on the night of the 26th of the present month.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1811.

On motion, by Mr. Leib, one of the majority,

It was agreed to reconsider the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Burnham;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

The further consideration thereof was postponed to Thursday next.

Mr. Bradley called up the motion made yesterday on the subject, and, on his motion, it was amended and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the members of this House will wear crape on the left arm for one month, in testimony of the condolence and sorrow of the Senate for the calamitous event by which the chief magistrate of the state of Virginia, and so many of her citizens, perished by fire, in the city of Richmond, on the night of the 26th of the present month.

The President communicated the memorial of the House of Representatives of the Indiana territory, approving the conduct and praying the re-appointment of Governor Harrison. And the memorial was read.

The President also communicated their memorial, praying Congress to admit the territory, as a free and independent state, into the Union: also, their memorial, praying the office of sheriff may be elective, for reasons therein stated at large; and the memorials were read.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That they be severally referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Gregg, Leib, Franklin, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia:" also, a bill, entitled "An act providing for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States;" in which bills they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

They concur in the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers, for the protection of the frontier of the United States." And he withdrew.

The bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Franklin presented the resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of North Carolina, approving the sentiments contained in the message of the President of the United States to Congress at the opening of the present session, and resolving, unanimously, that they will cheerfully co-operate with the general government in the prompt and effectual execution of such measures as may be deemed best calculated to promote the interest and secure the union, liberty, and independence, of the United States: and the resolutions were read.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill extending the time of certain patents granted to Robert Fulton correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 21,
Nays 4.

On motion, by Mr. German,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bradley, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Cutts, Gaillard, Gilman, Gregg, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Varnum and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Dana, Franklin, German, and Lloyd.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act extending the time of certain patents granted to Robert Fulton."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act to continue in force for a further time the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Lloyd, and Dana, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure of payment, shall again be sold," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed the 14th November, to inquire if any, and, if any, what, further provisions or alterations are necessary for the disposition of the public lands of the United States, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the bill for the establishment of a quartermaster's department; and

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the establishment of a quartermaster's department."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening a public road from the line established by the treaty of Greenville to the North Bend, in the state of Ohio."

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Thursday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States."

The President communicated the report of the Secretary of the Navy on the expenditures and application of moneys drawn from the Treasury, from the 1st of October, 1810, to the 30th September, 1811, inclusive; made in obedience to the first section of the act, passed 3d March, 1809, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments." And the report was read.

The bill, entitled "An act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Kaskaskia," was read the second time.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 14th November, to inquire if any, and, if any, what, further provisions or alterations are necessary for the disposition of the public lands of the United States, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act providing for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

It was agreed that the further consideration of the bill appropriating a sum of money for procuring munitions of war be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening a public road from the line established by the treaty of Greenville, to the North Bend, in the state of Ohio," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States."

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of War, made in obedience to the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," passed the third day of March, 1809; and the report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That the bill, entitled "An act providing for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Goodrich, and Hunter, be the committee.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States yesterday approved and signed "An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening a public road from the line established by the treaty of Greenville, to the North Bend, in the state of Ohio."

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of War on the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1811, exhibited in pursuance of the 5th section of the act of the 3d of March, 1809, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;" and the report was read.

The President also communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of the Treasury, made in conformity with the 6th section of the act passed on the 1st of May, 1810, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of public ministers and consuls residing on the coast of Barbary, and for other purposes;" and the report was read.

Mr. Smith, of New York, presented the petition of William Sullivan and others, inhabitants of the territory of Louisiana, praying the passage of a law which will admit them into what is denominated the second grade of territorial government, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

Mr. Worthington communicated a resolution of the legislature of the state of Ohio, requesting their Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their exertions in favor of a law providing for running and designating the northern and western boundary lines of that state; also, their resolution approving the vigilance and promptitude of their Representatives in Congress in their seasonable application to the United States for a supply of arms for the use of the militia of that state; and, if the object is not yet obtained, requesting them to continue their exertions to procure the same; and the resolutions were read.

Mr. Lloyd presented the petition of Henry Hubbard, of the city of New York, merchant, stating that he has a very large sum of money due to him from a planter in the British colony of Demarara, arising from debts contracted prior to the year 1807. That in the year 1810, for the purpose of securing the amount of his claims, he went to Demarara; and, in order to attain that object, agreed to receive payment by shipments to this country of the produce of that colony. That, by the present laws of the United States, prohibiting importations from British colonies, he is prevented from receiving payment as specified above, and praying relief; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 12th of November, the petition of J. and E. Phillips and others, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Bibb presented the petition of Thomas Streshly and William Streshly, formerly collectors of the excise in the state of Kentucky, praying commissioners may be appointed to settle their accounts with the United States, on equitable principles, or, that they may be allowed certain credits exhibited by them, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bibb, Bayard, and Horsey, be the committee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1812.

After the consideration of Executive business,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the evasions and infractions of the commercial laws thereof, reported, in part, a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Varnum presented the petition of John Cutts and others, inhabitants of the towns of Kittery, Elliot, and Berwick, in the state of Massachusetts, praying the bill to annex the towns of Kittery, Elliot, and Berwick, to the district of Portsmouth, pending before the Senate, may not pass, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed the 9th of December last, to consider the bill mentioned in the petition, and report thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force," with amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force," were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Ordered, That they be printed for the use of the Senate and be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Burnham;" and

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress, for their information, a report of the director of the mint.

JAMES MADISON.

January 7, 1812.

And the message and report were read.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the evasions and infractions of the commercial laws thereof, reported, in part, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the laying out and opening a public road from the line established by the treaty of Greenville, to the North Bend, in the state of Ohio."

The bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" was read the second time.

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," was read the second time.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure in payment, shall again be sold," reported it without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of ordnance and ordnance stores, camp equipage, and other quartermaster's stores and small arms;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship *Eliza Ann*, belonging to *Ezekiel Hubbel*;" in which bills they desire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force:" and,

On the question to agree to the amendment to the first section, in the following words:

“Provided, however, That commissioned officers for six only of the said regiments shall be appointed, until three fourths of the privates requisite to complete such six regiments have been enlisted, when the commissioned officers for the remaining seven regiments shall be appointed.”

It was determined in the negative,	{	Yeas	3,
		Nays	24.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bradley, Lambert, and Smith, of New York.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Cutts, Dana, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Tait, Taylor, Varnum, and Worthington.

On the question to agree to the amendment, by adding the 25th section, in the following words:

“SEC. 25. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers who may be appointed in virtue of this act shall respectively continue in commission during such term only as the President shall judge requisite for the public service; and that it shall be lawful for the President to discharge the whole or any part of the troops which may be raised under the authority of this act, whenever he shall judge the measure consistent with the public welfare.”

It was determined in the negative,	{	Yeas	1,
		Nays	25.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present, Mr. Lambert voted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Bradley, Cutts, Dana, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Varnum, and Worthington.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to all the amendments to the said bill except to the proviso in the first section, and to the three additional sections; to which they disagree.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of the Navy, in compliance with the 5th section of the "Act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, passed the 21st of April, 1806;" also, his report, comprehending contracts made by the Navy Department during the year 1811; prepared in obedience to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments." And the reports were read.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of ordnance and ordnance stores, camp equipage, and other quartermaster's stores and small arms," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 8th of November, so much of the message of the President of the United States as concerns the relations between the United States and France and Great Britain, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship *Eliza Ann*, belonging to *Ezekiel Hubbel*," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Goodrich,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Goodrich, Lloyd, and Anderson, be the committee.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the evasions and infractions of the commercial laws thereof, reported, in part, a bill to prohibit the importation of rum, taffia, or other spirituous liquor, distilled from sugar cane, sugar, or molasses, during the continuance of the act, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes." And the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure in payment, shall again be sold."

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes;' and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

It was agreed that it be made the order of the day for Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage; and the bill was amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be the order of the day for Monday next.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of *John Burnham*."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives recede from all their amendments, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force," except the second of the new sections proposed, on which they insist.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment to the first mentioned bill, insisted on by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the said amendment, and do agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the Department of Navy, on the subject of the navy pension fund; and the report was read.

The bill to prohibit the importation of rum, taffia, or other spirituous liquor, distilled from sugar cane, sugar, or molasses, during the continuance of the act, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure in payment, shall again be sold," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Ordered, That the bill for appropriating a sum of money for procuring munitions of war, be recommitted to the committee who brought in the bill, and who have under consideration the bill from the House of Representatives on the same subject, further to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force;" and that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Burnham."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 10th instant, they laid before the President of the United States the bill, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force."

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of ordnance and ordnance stores, camp equipage, and other quartermaster's stores and small arms," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Leib presented the memorial of John Bioren and others, on printing the laws of the United States, upon conditions therein stated; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Leib, Goodrich, and Horsey, be the committee.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 11th instant, approved and signed "An act to raise an additional military force."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" and

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, proposed an amendment to the bill; which was read; and

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

It was agreed that the further consideration of the bill, together with the amendment, be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage; and

Mr. Lloyd proposed an amendment to the bill; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

It was agreed that the further consideration of the bill, together with the amendment, be postponed to, and be the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to prohibit the importation of rum, taffia, or other spirituous liquor distilled from sugar cane, sugar, or molasses, during the continuance of the act, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the Senate a statement of the quantity of rum imported into the United States during the year ending September 30th, 1811; where imported and from whence; and

It was agreed to postpone the consideration of the bill until Wednesday next.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of ordnance and ordnance stores, camp equipage, and other quartermaster's stores and small arms," was read the third time by unanimous consent.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, Yeas 22.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays having been required by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Dana, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Tait, Varnum, and Worthington.

So it was unanimously

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district courts of the United States for the North Carolina district;" in which bill they desire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1812.

After the consideration of Executive business,

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of ordnance and ordnance stores, camp equipage, and other quartermaster's stores and small arms;" also, the bill, entitled "An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure in payment, shall again be sold."

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the Department of the Treasury, exhibiting the sums respectively paid to each clerk in the several offices of that department for services rendered in the year 1811; made in obedience to the provisions of the act of April 21st, 1806, to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks; and the report was read.

The bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district courts of the United States for the North Carolina district," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Franklin, Horsey, and Lloyd, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 10th instant, approved and signed "An act to authorize the laying out and opening a public road from the line established by the treaty of Greenville, to the North Bend, in the state of Ohio;" also, on the 11th instant, "An act for the relief of John Burnham." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1812.

The President communicated the report of the Postmaster General relative to public contracts; also, on the salaries allowed to the clerks of that department during the year 1811; and the reports were severally read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to prohibit the importation of rum, taffia, or other spirituous liquor distilled from sugar cane, sugar, or molasses, during the continuance of the act, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

It was agreed further to postpone the consideration thereof until Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, together with the amendment proposed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

It was agreed further to postpone the consideration thereof until Tuesday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,' together with the amendment proposed thereto; and

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

Mr. Franklin, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district courts of the United States for the North Carolina district," reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 14th instant, they laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure in payment, shall again be sold;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of ordnance and ordnance stores, camp equipage, and other quartermaster's stores and small arms."

The bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district courts of the United States for the North Carolina district," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress a letter from the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Great Britain to the Secretary of State, with the answer of the latter.

The continued evidence afforded in this correspondence, of the hostile policy of the British government against our national rights, strengthens the considerations recommending and urging the preparation of adequate means for maintaining them.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, January 16, 1812.

The message and documents enclosed were read.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

Ordered, That they be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 8th of November last, so much of the message of the President of the United States as

concerns the relations between the United States and France and Great Britain, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Ordered, That five hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

The following written message was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, complying with their resolution of the 18th of November.

JAMES MADISON.

January 16, 1812.

The message and report therein referred to were read.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress an account of the contingent expenses of the government for the year 1811, incurred on the occasion of taking possession of the territory limited eastwardly by the river Perdido, and amounting to three thousand three hundred and ninety-six dollars.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, January 15, 1812.

The message and account therein referred to were read.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1812.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee appointed on the petition of Moses Austin and John R. Jones, reported a bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 14th instant, approved and signed "An act authorizing the purchase of ordnance and ordnance stores, camp equipage, and other quartermaster's stores, and small arms;" also, "An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure in payment, shall again be sold." The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. They have passed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the establishment of a quartermaster's department," with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The amendments to the bill last mentioned were read; and,

Ordered, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The bill was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin.

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Franklin, Varnum, Anderson, Bradley, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

Mr. Goodrich, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship Eliza Ann, belonging to Ezekiel Hubbel," reported it with amendments; which were read.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress a letter from the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Great Britain to the Secretary of State, with the answer of the latter.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, January 17, 1812.

The message and documents enclosed were read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1812.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district courts of the United States for the North Carolina district."

The bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be made the order of the day for Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a quartermaster's department;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

After the consideration of Executive business.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1812.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of the Treasury, agreeably to the resolution of the Senate of the 13th instant, "requiring a statement of the quantity of rum imported into the United States during the year ending September 30th, 1810;" and the report was read.

The President also communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of War, in compliance with the 5th section of the act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, passed the 21st April, 1806, exhibiting the names of the clerks employed in that Department in the year 1811, with the sums allowed to each; and the report was read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, together with the amendment proposed thereto; and,

On the question to agree to the amendment to be inserted at the end of the 14th line, in the following words: "unless the claimant or claimants shall solemnly swear, or affirm, before the collector of the port where the property may be, that the invoice or invoices have neither been received by him or them, nor by any other person for his or their use or behalf:"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	21,
Opposition	{ Nay	1.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bradley, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Varnum, and Worthington.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, voted in the negative.

And the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?
It was determined in the affirmative.

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship Eliza Ann, belonging to Ezekiel Hubbel," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?
It was determined in the affirmative.

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

It was agreed that the bill to prohibit the importation of rum, taffia, or other spirituous liquor distilled from sugar cane, sugar, or molasses, during the continuance of the act, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Charlotte Hazen, reported a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Reed submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement, so far as the same may be practicable, exhibiting the number of ships and vessels, and the amount of tonnage, and the several kinds of merchandise, being of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States or territories thereof, exported from thence to any port or place in France subsequent to the repeal of the Berlin and Milan decrees; stating distinctly the duties payable in the ports of France on each article, before and since the repeal of said decrees.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1812.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," was read the second time.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship Eliza Ann, belonging to Ezekiel Hubbel," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments, and that the title thereof be "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship Eliza Ann, belonging to Ezekiel Hubbel, and the case of the ship Mary and Frances, belonging to Nathaniel Goddard."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, also reported the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Franklin communicated a letter from the governor of the state of North Carolina, with an authenticated copy of an act of the general assembly of that state, ratifying an amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress to the legislatures of the several states, relative to titles of nobility; and the letter and act were read.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill to promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing, for a limited, time to inventors, the exclusive right to their respective discoveries; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the motion made yesterday by Mr. Reed; and the motion having been amended,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, the second Monday in February next.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

At the request of the legislature of New Jersey, I communicate to Congress copies of its resolutions transmitted by the Governor of that state.

JAMES MADISON.

January 22, 1812.

The message and resolutions therein referred to were read.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district courts of the United States for the North Carolina district."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a quartermaster's department;" and

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" together with the amendment proposed; and, having agreed thereto, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to prohibit the importation of rum, taffia, or other spirituous liquor distilled from sugar cane, sugar, or molasses, during the continuance of the act, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes;" and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the negative.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1812.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a quartermaster's department."

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The bill to promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing, for a limited time, to inventors, the exclusive right to their respective discoveries, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

It was agreed that it be made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" correctly engrossed.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

Mr. Lloyd presented the memorial of Bordman and Pope and others, citizens of the United States and residents of Boston, in the state of Massachusetts, representing that they are owners of the ship American Hero and her cargo, consisting of the products of India, purchased at Madrass and Calcutta, not being informed of the passing and

enforcement of the non-importation act, by which their said ship with her cargo is now prohibited from entering the ports of the United States, and praying she may be permitted to return to Boston with her cargo, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the 26th of November on the memorial of Howard, Fitch, and Lloyd, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The Senate adjourned to Monday morning, 11 o'clock; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1812.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship *Eliza Ann*, belonging to Ezekiel Hubbel." The President of the United States, on the 23d instant, approved and signed "An act to alter the time of holding the district courts of the United States for the North Carolina district." And he withdrew.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force for a further time the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers,'" reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

Mr. Franklin, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps," reported the bill with amendments; which were read.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the President and Trustees of the Philadelphia and Wilmington Steam Boat Company, reported a bill respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam boats; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage."

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That it be recommitted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Lloyd, and Taylor, be the committee.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a quartermaster's department."

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That the bill, together with the amendments, be recommitted to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Giles, and Leib, be the committee.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, transmitting a statement of the moneys expended during the year 1811, for the discharge of miscellaneous claims not otherwise provided for, and a statement of the contracts made during that year, by or under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury; and

The letter and accompanying documents were read.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1812.

The bill respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam boats was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act con-

Mr. Leib presented the memorial of Mathew M'Connell and others, a committee on behalf of the surviving officers of the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army, praying the immediate decision of Congress on the application of the said officers for remuneration for services during the said war; and the memorial was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, after debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment," was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

The bill was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 8th of November, so much of the message of the President of the United States as concerns the relations between the United States and Great Britain and France, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing, for a limited time, to inventors, the exclusive right to their respective discoveries; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson presented the memorial of Thomas Corcoran and others, citizens of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, stating that they had commenced certain improvements in the channel of the river Potomac, near that town, but that they were impeded in their progress by a legal injunction, on suggestion that they might do injury to the bridge lately erected over the aforementioned river; and that the petitioners are constrained to lay their case again before Congress, and to ask their interposition and relief; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Gregg, Goodrich, Smith, of Maryland, and Bradley, be the committee.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1812.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship Eliza Ann, belonging to Ezekiel Hubbel, and the case of the ship Mary and Frances, belonging to Nathaniel Goddard;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force for a further time the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to promote the progress of science and the useful arts, by securing, for a limited time, to inventors, the exclusive right to their respective discoveries. And, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Ohio,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

That the bill be recommitted,

It was determined in the negative.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to Monday morning at 11 o'clock; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1812.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of War, on the contracts made by him in the year 1811, and those made by the purveyor of public supplies for the same year; in compliance with the requisition of the 5th section of the act of the 21st April, 1808; and the report was read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the district courts within and for the district of Connecticut;" in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate. They agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps." And he withdrew.

The bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, containing a statement of proceedings under the "Act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio."

JAMES MADISON.

February 1, 1812.

The message and papers therein referred to were read.

The Senate resumed the bill to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing, for a limited time, to inventors, the exclusive right to their respective discoveries; and the bill was further amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The President laid before the Senate a letter from the Governor of Virginia, communicating the resolutions of the General Assembly of that commonwealth on certain measures of the general government, connected with our foreign relations; which were read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1812.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a quartermaster's department," together with the

amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, reported that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to the first Monday in August next. He also read in his place the draught of a bill in addition to the military establishment of the United States; and which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Leib, from the committee appointed on the petition of John Bioren and others, reported a bill authorizing a subscription for the laws of the United States; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Reed, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill in addition to, and for repealing certain parts of, an act, entitled "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States;" and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the district courts within and for the district of Connecticut," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Goodrich,

It was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Tait, Franklin, and Goodrich, be the committee.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing, for a limited time, to inventors, the exclusive right to their respective discoveries, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing, for a limited time, to inventors, the exclusive right to their respective discoveries."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," reported the bill with an amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company; and, after debate,

On motion,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Resolved, That the bill, which originated in the Senate, appropriating a sum of money for procuring munitions of war, be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1812.

The President communicated the report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, stating that the measures which have been authorized by the board, subsequent to their last report of the 2d of February, 1811, so far as the same have been completed, are fully detailed in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury to the board, dated the 1st day of the present month, and in the statements therein referred to, which are herewith transmitted, and prayed to be received as part of this report; and the report was read.

The bill in addition to, and for repealing certain parts of, an act, entitled "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States," was read the second time.

The bill authorizing a subscription for the laws of the United States was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 11,
Nays 13.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs, Bayard, Bibb, Franklin, Gaillard, Horsey, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Smith, of Maryland, Turner, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs, Anderson, Bradley, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, German, Goodrich, Gregg, Howell, Hunter, Smith, of New York, Tait, and Taylor.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the first Monday in April next,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in March next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia;" and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in March next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill respecting the enrolling and licensing steam boats; and

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the district courts within and for the district of Connecticut."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,'" passed on the 12th day of April, 1808; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. The President of the United States, on the 31st ultimo, approved and signed "An act to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers;" also, "An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship Eliza Ann, belonging to Ezekiel Hubbel, and the case of the ship Mary and Frances, belonging to Nathaniel Goddard." And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill establishing a land office; and after agreeing to sundry amendments,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the district courts within and for the district of Connecticut."

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,'" passed on the 12th day of April, 1808, was read the second time.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Reed, Anderson, and Bradley, be the committee.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, submitted the following motion for consideration:

"That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of ascertaining, surveying, and establishing, the northern and western boundary lines of the state of Ohio; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise."

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a quartermaster's department," together with the amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, be postponed until the first Monday in December next, agreeably to the report of the committee.

The bill in addition to the military establishment of the United States, reported as a substitute for the bill last mentioned, was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill establishing a land office; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That it be recommitted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Worthington, and Gregg, be the committee.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam boats correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time, and blank filled.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam boats."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing a subscription for the laws of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in March next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1812;" a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1812;" a bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier;" a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force;" also, a bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of mounted rangers during the year 1812;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The five bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill in addition to, and for repealing certain parts of, an act, entitled "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States."

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1812.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the report of the commissioners appointed conformably to "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to ascertain and settle, by the appointment of commissioners, the exterior line of the public land at West Point with the adjoining proprietor;" and the letter and report were read.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Franklin, Tait, and Goodrich, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Brent, and Dana, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of mounted rangers during the year 1812," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1812," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Brent, and Dana, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 6th instant, approved and signed "An act to alter the times of holding the district courts within and for the district of Connecticut." The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to locate the lands reserved for the use of Jefferson College, in the Mississippi territory," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Pope presented the petition of the Synod of Kentucky, sitting in Lexington, praying that the public mail may not be permitted to be carried on the Sabbath days except on extraordinary occasions, for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday by Mr. Campbell, of Ohio; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

It was amended and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of ascertaining, surveying, and establishing, the northern and western boundary lines of the state of Ohio, and the northern line of the state of Vermont; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Campbell, of Ohio, Cutts, Howell, and Dana, be the committee.

The bill in addition to the military establishment of the United States was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole.

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit to the Secretary for the Department of State the resolution of the legislature of the state of Georgia, ratifying and confirming an amendment proposed by Congress to the constitution of the United States, respecting titles of nobility; together with the resolutions of the legislatures of such other states as have ratified the same.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 6th instant, approved and signed "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps." The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States;" a bill, entitled "An act to establish a land district in the Illinois territory, east of the district of Kaskaskia, and to attach certain public lands to the district of Jeffersonville;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Selah Benton;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1812.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Reed, Varnum, and Hunter, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill in addition to the military establishment of the United States; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act to establish a land district in the Illinois territory, east of the district of Kaskaskia, and to attach certain public lands to the district of Jeffersonville," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Ordered That it be referred to the committee appointed the 14th of November last, on the resolution respecting public lands, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Selah Benton," was read the second time.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bibb, Leib, and Reed, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill in addition to, and for repealing, certain parts of an act, entitled "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States."

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force;" and the bill was amended, and the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to locate the lands reserved for the use of Jefferson College in the Mississippi territory."

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental

establishment," in which bill they desire the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of mounted rangers during the year 1812."

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

That it be now read a third time,

It was objected to as against the rule.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Taylor, Lloyd, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Gregg, and Pope, be the committee.

Mr. Tait, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill in addition to the military establishment of the United States, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Resolved, That it be recommitted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Smith, of Maryland, and Crawford, be the committee.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, also reported the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of mounted rangers during the year 1812," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to locate the lands reserved for the use of Jefferson College, in the Mississippi territory," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Board of Commissioners west of Pearl river;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. They agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States." And he withdrew.

The bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill in addition to, and for repealing, certain parts of, an act, entitled "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of

the United States;" and the bill was amended, and the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 10,} \\ \text{Nays 15.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Ohio, German, Howell, Leib, Pope, Reed, Taylor, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Gaillard, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Lambert, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Turner, and Worthington.

Mr. Pope presented the memorial and petition of John Lisle and Margaret his wife, late Margaret Lapsley, widow and administratrix of Samuel Lapsley, deceased, and Miss Lapsley, daughter and sole heir of the said Samuel, stating that the said Samuel Lapsley served as an officer in the late Revolutionary war, and after the peace he received two certificates, commonly called commutation or final settlement certificates, which, in the year 1786, he placed in the hands of Mr. Samuel Greenlee, for the purpose of obtaining the indents of interest thereon, and which were lost by Mr. Greenlee, and have never since been found, and have never been funded; and praying relief, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pope, Bradley, and Gregg, be the committee.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1812.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish a land district in the Illinois territory, east of the district of Kaskaskia, and to attach certain public lands to the district of Jeffersonville," reported it without amendment.

The President communicated the general account of the Treasurer of the United States, from October 1st, 1810, to October 1st, 1811; as, also, the accounts of the War and Navy Departments for the same period; together with the reports of the accounting officers of the Treasury thereon; which were read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and,

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The bill entitled "An act for the relief of the Board of Commissioners west of Pearl river," was read the second time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1812.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Tait, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Selah Benton," reported it without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Pope, and Smith, of New York, be the committee.

Mr. Smith, of New York, presented the petition of Nathaniel G. Ingraham, and others, of New York, merchants, and citizens of the United States, stating that they are co-partners in trade, in which they have heretofore been very successful; but that, owing to the present unfavorable state of the relations between this country and the commercial nations of Europe, they have lost the whole of their private estates, and become corporately and individually insolvent; and that they owe to the United States a considerable balance on custom house bonds, for which they and their surety are now imprisoned; and praying relief, for reasons stated therein at large; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of New York,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed, in part, to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Board of Commissioners west of Pearl river."

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Crawford, Gregg, and Worthington, be the committee.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1812.

Mr. Reed, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,' passed on the 12th day of April, 1808," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve;" and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1812;" and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Selah Benton;" and

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812," correctly engrossed.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

That the bill be recommitted to a select committee, for the purpose of inserting an amendment to entitle the clerks in the Navy Department to receive fifteen per centum in addition to their salaries as established by law:

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Lloyd gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to establish a land district in the Illinois territory, east of the district of Kaskaskia, and to attach certain public lands to the district of Jeffersonville;" and

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

After the consideration of the Executive business,
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills: The bill, entitled "An act providing for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States;" the bill, entitled "An act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia;" the bill, entitled "An act making appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of mounted rangers, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve;" and the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to locate the lands reserved for the use of Jefferson college, in the Mississippi territory."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,' passed on the 12th day of April, 1808."

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Selah Benton," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1812," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act to establish a land district in the Illinois territory, east of the district of Kaskaskia, and to attach certain public lands to the district of Jeffersonville," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the third reading of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812."

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

To amend the bill, by unanimous consent, by striking out the following words, lines 129 and 130 of the printed bill, "eight thousand six hundred and eighty-five," for the purpose of inserting, in lieu thereof, "nine thousand four hundred and twenty:"

It was objected to as against the rule.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That the bill be recommitted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon; and

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Goodrich, and Tait, be the committee.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee last mentioned, reported the bill amended.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Lloyd asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit, and the bill was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

The bill was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On his motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Cutts, and Hunter, be the committee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,' passed on the 12th day of April, 1808," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee, and the amendment was agreed to, and further amendments were proposed.

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, to purchase of Winslow Lewis his patent right to the new and improved method of lighting light-houses, and for other purposes;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee appointed to inquire if any, and what, further provisions or alterations are necessary in the laws of the United States for the sale of public lands, reported a bill making further provision for the sale of public lands, and the bill was read, together with a report made by Mr. Worthington on behalf of the committee, on the subject matter of the said bill.

Ordered, That the bill pass to the second reading.

Mr. Reed, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," reported it amended.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, to purchase of Winslow Lewis his patent right to the new and improved method of lighting light-houses, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Anderson, and Howell, be the committee.

Mr. Pope presented the petition of Lewis Gex O'Cousier and others, praying the interposition of government for their encouragement in the cultivation of the vine, as is stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pope, Tait, and Gregg, be the committee.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force;" the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1812;" the bill, entitled "An act to establish a land district in the Illinois territory, east of the district of Kas-

kaskia, and to attach certain public lands to the district of Jeffersonville;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Selah Benton."

Mr. Lloyd presented the petition of Mary Nicholson, widow of the late Commodore Samuel Nicholson, stating that, by the death of her husband, she, together with her two daughters, are left to penury and want, and praying that in consideration of Revolutionary services of her late husband, Congress will grant her relief; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Bradley, and Crawford, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit courts of the United States at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve;" and the President reported the bill to the House amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the bill in addition to the military establishment of the United States, reported it amended.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

It was agreed that the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary for the Department of War, in obedience to the fifth section of an act, entitled "An act to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes;" and the report was read.

The bill making further provision for the sale of public lands was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit courts of the United States at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Bibb, and Worthington, be the committee.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1812;" also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,' passed on the 12th day of April, 1808."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill in addition to the military establishment of the United States, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment," reported it with amendments, together with sundry documents explanatory of the amendments; and

On his motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia;" a bill, entitled "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans;" also, a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States;'" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. They also concur in the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The President of the United States, on the 20th instant, approved and signed "An act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia;" "An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States;" "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to locate the lands reserved for the use of Jefferson College, in the Mississippi territory;" also, "An act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of mounted rangers, during the year 1812." And he withdrew.

The three bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

To strike out the first section of the bill,

It was agreed that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Resolved, That the report of the Secretary of the Navy of the 3d instant, containing the name, rank, pay, and rations, of each commissioned officer and midshipman belonging to the navy of the United States, respectively, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Crawford, and Bradley, be the committee.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 22d instant, they laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1812;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,'" passed on the 12th day of April, 1808;" and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon."

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill in addition to the military establishment of the United States correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time, and was amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the title thereof be amended, and be as follows: "An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the President and Directors of the Washington Canal Company, reported a bill to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Bayard, and Brent, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Bradley, and Gregg, be the committee.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, to purchase of Winslow Lewis his patent right to the new and improved method of lighting light-houses, and for other purposes," reported it amended.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill establishing a land office, reported it amended.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 21st instant, approved and signed "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force;" "An act to establish a land district in the Illinois territory, east of the district of Kaskaskia, and to attach certain public lands to the district of Jeffersonville;" "An act for the relief of captain Selah Benton;" and "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1812."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Georgetown Lancaster School Society;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash;" also, a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act providing for the accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812." And he withdrew.

The three bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pope, Bayard, Gregg, Lloyd, and Bradley, be the committee.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee, and the motion to strike out the first section. And, after debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Georgetown Lancaster School Society," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Horsey, Bayard, and Hunter, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act providing for the accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Gregg, and Howell, be the committee.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon;" and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Friday next.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pope, Anderson, and Bibb, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That the bill be recommitted to a select committee, to consist of five members, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Pope, Crawford, Reed, and Varnum, be the committee.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars." They have also passed a joint resolution respecting the arts and manufactures of the United States; in which bill and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill and resolution last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve."

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1812.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 24th instant, approved and signed "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United

States for the year 1812;" also, "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,' passed on the 12th day of April, 1808." And he withdrew.

The joint resolution respecting the arts and manufactures of the United States was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Crawford, and Lloyd, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Crawford, and Tait, be the committee.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, presented the petition of Samuel Brown, formerly of Massachusetts, and now of Ohio, stating that, whilst in the service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, he was taken prisoner by the British at Quebec; that he hath not received any pay or rations for the time he was so in captivity, and that his claim therefor is now barred by the statute of limitation; and praying relief. And the petition was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill establishing a land office, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, to purchase of Winslow Lewis his patent right to the new and improved method of lighting light-houses, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Ordered, That the consideration of the bill, making further provision for the sale of public lands, be made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1812.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act providing for the accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes,'" reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

Mr. Pope, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 26th instant, approved and signed "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812." The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the time being, to grant the use of the books of the library of Congress to the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

The joint resolution last mentioned was read three times by unanimous consent.

Resolved That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Pope, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of the representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, to purchase of Winslow Lewis his patent right to the new and improved method of lighting light-houses, and for other purposes," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, also reported the bill establishing a land office correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time, and the blanks were filled.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the establishment of a General Land Office in the Department of the Treasury."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments,

A motion was made, by Mr. Lloyd, to add a new section to the bill; and,

On his motion,

It was agreed that the question thereon be taken by yeas and nays; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the motion be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1812.

The bill for the relief of the representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley and Gregg be added to the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Charles Minifie.

Mr. Pope, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash," reported it amended.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Christopher Miller," and the words nine hundred and sixty having been struck out of the bill, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Larkin Smith, collector of the district of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in Virginia, reported a bill for the relief of the collectors of the ports of Baltimore and of Norfolk and Portsmouth; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars," reported it amended.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment," be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1812.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment;" and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

Mr. Brent presented the petition of Robert Young and others, inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying a charter for a bank, under the title of the "Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria," for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, and Taylor, be the committee.

Mr. Lloyd presented the memorial of John Parker, of Boston, merchant, in behalf of himself and the owners of the brigantine called the Catharine, and her cargo; stating that the said brigantine, whilst proceeding on her lawful voyage to St. Petersburg, was, on the 3d of May, 1811, captured by a French privateer, and carried into Dantzick and condemned, and praying indemnification, for reasons stated at large in the memorial, which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, to purchase of Winslow Lewis his patent right to the new and improved method of lighting light-houses, and for other purposes;" also, an enrolled joint resolution granting permission to the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States to use the books in the library of Congress.

Mr. Crawford, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the board of commissioners west of Pearl river," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lloyd stated that he had received, and asked leave to submit to the Senate, a resolution of the legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, approved by his excellency the Governor, stating the perfect ability and disposition of the government of that commonwealth to make the most prompt provisions for the immediate supply of such blankets and clothing as the general government may wish to contract with the citizens of the commonwealth for, sufficient to meet any contingency which may occur, and to request information of any other articles which are or may be wanted for supplying the Indians, as there can be no doubt of the ability of the commonwealth to supply, by contract, any such articles, mostly, if not altogether, from their own manufactures; and the resolution was read.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier," reported it amended.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill authorizing a subscription for the laws of the United States, be postponed to the first Monday in April next.

The bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company, was resumed; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Resolved, That the bill be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Lloyd, Gregg, Cutts, and Leib, be the committee.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House such information as he may possess relative to captures made by the belligerents since the 23d day of June, 1811, of vessels of the United States, bound to or from the Baltic, or within that sea; particularizing the nation of the captors, the cause assigned for detention, the names of the vessels, masters, and owners, and the port to which the vessels so detained belonged.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court of the United States at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee," reported it amended.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the further consideration of this bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The third reading of the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" was resumed; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to a select committee, to consist of five members, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Taylor, Crawford, Lloyd, Reed, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act providing for the accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes,'" was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Pope communicated a resolution of the legislature of the state of Kentucky, recommending an improvement of the militia system of the United States; also, a resolution requesting their Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to procure the establishment of certain roads or highways therein mentioned, under the authority of the general government; and the resolutions were read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill concerning the naval establishment; and it was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1812.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit courts of the United States at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans;" and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday by Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and the motion was amended and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House such information as he may possess relative to captures made by the belligerents since the 1st day of May, 1811, of vessels of the United States, bound to or from the Baltic, or within that sea; particularizing the nation of the captors, the cause assigned for detention, the names of the vessels, masters, and owners, and the port to which the vessels so detained belonged.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendment, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the board of commissioners west of Pearl river;" and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

At the request of the convention assembled in the territory of Orleans on the 22d day of November last, I transmit to Congress the proceedings of that body in pursuance of the act, entitled "An act to enable the people of the territory of Orleans to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of the said state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and for other purposes."

JAMES MADISON.

March 3, 1812.

The message and documents therein referred to were read; and

Ordered, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act providing for the accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes.'"

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That the memorial of John Parker, of Boston, presented the 2d instant, together with the accompanying papers, be referred to the Secretary for the Department of State, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the board of commissioners west of Pearl river," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit courts of the United States at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee," correctly engrossed, and the bill was read the third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, also reported the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier," correctly engrossed, and the bill was read the third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill for improving the navigation of the river Potomac, opposite the city of Washington; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 2d instant, approved and signed "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, to purchase of Winslow Lewis his patent right to the new and improved method of lighting light-houses, and for other purposes;" also, a joint resolution granting permission to the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States to use the books in the library of Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit courts of the United States at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee;" the bill, entitled "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the board of commissioners west of Pearl river;" and the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier."

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress copies of certain documents which remain in the Department of State. They prove that, at a recent period, whilst the United States, notwithstanding the wrongs sustained by them, ceased not to observe the laws of peace and neutrality towards Great Britain, and in the midst of amicable professions and negotiations on the part of the British government, through its public minister here, a secret agent of that government was employed in certain states, more especially at the seat of government in Massachusetts, in fomenting disaffection to the constituted authorities of the nation, and in intrigues with the disaffected, for the purpose of bringing about resistance to the laws, and eventually, in concert with a British force, of destroying the Union, and forming the eastern part thereof into a political connection with Great Britain.

In addition to the effect which the discovery of such a procedure ought to have on the public councils, it will not fail to render more dear to the hearts of all good citizens that happy Union of these states, which, under Divine Providence, is the guaranty of their liberties, their safety, their tranquillity, and their prosperity.

JAMES MADISON.

March 9, 1812.

The message and documents therein referred to were read.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the message and documents be printed for the use of the Senate; and,

On his motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the documents above referred to, and designate such as may be necessary to be printed.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Brent, and Bayard, be the committee.

Mr. Lloyd submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before the Senate the names of any and all persons in the United States, and especially in the state of Massachusetts, who have in any way or manner whatever entered into, or most remotely countenanced, the project or the views, for the execution or attainment of which John Henry was, in the year 1809, employed by Sir James Craig, then governor general of the British provinces in North America, and which have this day been communicated to the Senate of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended, and the blanks were filled.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

To recommit the bill for further amendment:

It was determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

The bill was amended, by unanimous consent.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the 5th of November, as concerns the relations between the United States and France and Great Britain, further reported, in part, a bill to provide for the designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendment, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise an additional military force,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Ohio,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Ohio, Crawford, and Leib, be the committee.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in conformity with the resolution of the Senate of the 2d instant, in relation to the exports to France, &c.; and the report was read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 7th instant, approved and signed "An act supplementary to 'An act providing for the accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes.'"

The House of Representatives have passed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam boats." They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Arthur St. Clair;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr;" and a bill, entitled "An act providing for the removal of causes depending in the respective district courts of the United States, in case of the disability of the judges thereof;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday by Mr. Lloyd; and,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

The motion was amended, and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate any information which may be in his possession, and which, in his judgment, may be communicated without injury to the public interests, respecting the names of any and all persons in the United States who have, in any way or manner whatever, entered into, or most remotely countenanced, the project or the views, for the execution or attainment of which John Henry was, in the year 1809, employed by Sir James Craig, then governor general of the British provinces in North America, and which have this day been communicated to the Senate of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

The yeas and nays having been required on the resolution by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Cutts, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Condit, Crawford, Franklin, Gaillard, Robinson, and Worthington.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam boats."

The four bills brought up yesterday for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Gaillard presented the petition of Nathaniel Russell and others, of Charleston, South Carolina, praying the remission of interest on certain custom house bonds, for reasons therein stated at large; and the petition was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Gaillard,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury to consider and report thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 10th instant, approved and signed "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier;" "An act for the relief of the board of commissioners west of Pearl river;" "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit courts of the United States at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee;" also, "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States, of the 3d instant, together with the result of the proceedings of the convention assembled in the territory of Orleans on the 22d of November last, therewith transmitted, be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Crawford, Bibb, Lloyd, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee.

The bill to provide for the designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands, was read the second time.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise an additional military force,'" reported it amended.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1812.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, with a statement of the emoluments of the officers employed in the collection of the customs for the year 1811; which were read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars." And he withdrew.

Mr. Horsey, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Georgetown Lancaster School Society," reported it without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Arthur St. Clair," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Crawford, Bayard, and Bradley, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee last appointed, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Horsey, and Condit, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act providing for the removal of causes depending in the respective district courts of the United States, in case of the disability of the judges thereof," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Crawford, Bayard, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company, reported it amended.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars;" and that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam boats."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act to raise an additional military force," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendment, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1812.

Mr. Worthington presented the memorial of Eligius Fromentin and Allan B. Magruder, delegates from the convention of the territory of Orleans, praying a law may pass, giving further time for the entry of land claims in the eastern district of the territory of Orleans, for reasons therein stated at large; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Condit, and Crawford, be the committee.

Mr. Giles submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise and amend the act, entitled "An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments," approved the 3d of February 1809; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making further provision for the sale of public lands; and, after debate,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, moved that the further consideration of this bill be postponed to the first Monday in December next; and it was agreed that this motion for postponement be the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 12th instant, approved and signed "An act respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam-boats."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act repealing the tenth section of the act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" also, a bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, complying with their resolution of the 10th instant.

JAMES MADISON.

March 12, 1812.

The message and report were read.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

Ordered, That one thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Brent, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States of the 9th inst., together with the accompanying documents; also the message and report of the 12th instant, be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 8th of November last, so much of the message of the President of the United States as concerns the relations between the United States and France and Great Britain, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit, reported it amended.

Mr. Anderson presented the petition of Richard Mitchill, of the county of Hawkins, in the state of Tennessee, praying remission of certain judgments obtained against him by the United States, in the circuit court at Knoxville, in the state of Tennessee, for reasons therein stated at large; and the petition was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries; and, after debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act to raise an additional military force," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 14th instant, they laid before the President of the United States the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars."

The bill, entitled "An act repealing the 10th section of the act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public land northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 14th instant on the subject; and,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise and amend the act, entitled "An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments," approved the 3d day of February, 1809; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Giles, Bayard, and Pope, be the committee.

The bill to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the motion to postpone the bill making further provision for the sale of public lands to the first Monday in December next.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress a letter from the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Great Britain to the Secretary of State,

JAMES MADISON.

March 13, 1812.

The message and letter therein referred to were read.

Ordered, That they be printed for the use of the Senate; and,

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Ordered, That they be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 13th instant, the message of the President of the United States, of the 9th, together with the accompanying documents; also, the message and report of the 12th instant, in relation to the same subject, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Georgetown Lancaster School Society."

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the joint resolution respecting the arts and manufactures of the United States, reported an amendment; and the amendment having been considered and agreed to as in committee of the whole, the President reported the resolution to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

It was agreed that the consideration of the bill for improving the navigation of the river Potomac be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Crawford, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act providing for the removal of causes depending in the respective district courts of the United States in case of the disability of the judges thereof," reported it with amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act to raise an additional military force." They also agree to the two first of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment," and disagree to the remainder of said amendments. They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Mississippi territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states;" also, a bill, entitled "An act relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading,

Mr. Bayard, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to sundry amendments,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise an additional military force.'"

The bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Mississippi territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Crawford, Taylor, Anderson, Franklin, and Gregg, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Condit, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a view of all the appropriations made by the several acts passed during the present session, and to include therewith the interest payable on the Louisiana debt, and the amount payable during the present year, (under the act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States,) for the interest and re-imbursement of the domestic debt of the United States; and, also, a statement of the balance remaining in the Treasury of the United States on the 31st of December last, and of the balances unexpended on the same day in the hands of the Treasurer of the War and Navy Departments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

Resolved, That they insist on their amendments disagreed to, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Ordered, That Messrs. Giles, Lloyd, and Crawford, be the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendment to the joint resolution respecting the arts and manufactures of the United States, correctly engrossed; and the resolution was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this resolution pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, also reported the bill to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit, correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Georgetown Lancaster School Society," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 14th instant, approved and signed "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for improving the navigation of the river Potomac; and a motion was made, by Mr. Anderson, to amend the bill; and,

On his motion,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Friday next.

The bill for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That the bill for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly be recommit-
ted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon; and that the petition of Richard Mitchill, presented the 13th instant, be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, and Leib, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act repealing the tenth section of the act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States."

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

It was agreed that the consideration of the bill for the relief of the representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased, be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

It was agreed that the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of the public land northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments," be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to raise an additional military force.'"

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act providing for the removal of causes depending in the respective district courts of the United States, in case of the disability of the judges thereof," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill last mentioned correctly engrossed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

The bill was read the third time as amended, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments, and that the title thereof be "An act providing for the trial of all causes pending in the respective district courts of the United States, in case of the absence or disability of the judges thereof."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Bradley gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill to carry into effect the provisions of the eighth section of the act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company; and the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the bill making further provision for the sale of public lands.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Ohio,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment." They agree to the conference proposed on the subject, and have appointed managers on their part. They agree to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution respecting the arts and manufactures of the United States. They have passed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes," with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

To amend the bill by adding an additional section, in the following words:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, directed to adjust and settle a final settlement certificate, No. 46,473, for fifty-eight dollars and eighty-nine ninetieths, and interest from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, issued in the name of Joseph Young, by John Pierce, commissioner of army accounts for the United States, on the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four; and that the amount due on said certificate be paid to the said Joseph Young, or bearer, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated: provided, that said certificate shall be lodged with the Register of the Treasury, and cancelled prior to the payment thereof."

And the motion was determined in the negative,

{ Yeas	6,
{ Nays	22.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bradley, German, Hunter, Robinson, Taylor, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Howell, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Turner, and Varnum.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative,

{ Yeas	14,
{ Nays	15.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Ohio, Campbell, of Tennessee, Dana, Giles, Goodrich, Hunter, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Smith, of Maryland, Tait, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Condit, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Gregg, Howell, Lambert, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to provide for the designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

The bill, entitled "An act repealing the tenth section of the act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr."

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of the collectors of the ports of Baltimore and of Norfolk and Portsmouth; and

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Georgetown Lancaster School Society;" the bill, entitled "An act repealing the tenth section of the act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" also, the joint resolution respecting the arts and manufactures of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes."

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That they be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Crawford, and Varnum, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, also a joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills and the joint resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company, correctly engrossed.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Resolved, That the bill be recommitted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Bradley, and Gregg, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr;" and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

It was agreed that the bill to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, be made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Bradley asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to carry into effect the provisions of the eighth section of the act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills and joint resolution last reported to have been examined.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes," made report. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to all the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and insist on their disagreement, and ask a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Bayard, and Crawford, be the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit." They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was twice read, by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Crawford, Lloyd, Bibb, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for improving the navigation of the river Potomac; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That the bill be recommitted to a select committee, to consist of five members, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Goodrich, Bayard, Bradley, Brent, and Giles, be the committee.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state, correctly engrossed.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the committee to whom was referred, this day, the bill brought up from the House of Representatives for concurrence, on the same subject, further to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Giles, from the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment," made report.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the first and third, and disagree to the second amendment to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the trial of all causes pending in the respective district courts of the United States in case of the absence or disability of the judges thereof."

On motion, by Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their second amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company, reported it amended.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the representation of the delegates from the Orleans territory, reported a bill giving further time for registering claims to land in the eastern district of the territory of Orleans, and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1812.

The Senate assembled, and, the Vice President being indisposed,
Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1812.

In the absence of the Vice President,

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

The Senate proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the constitution provides, and the Honorable William H. Crawford was elected.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States, and acquaint him that the Senate have, in the absence of the Vice President, elected the Honorable William H. Crawford President of the Senate pro tempore.

Ordered, That the Secretary make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Pope, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash," reported it amended.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Nathaniel Russell, and others, of Charleston, South Carolina, referred to him on the 11th instant, and the report was read.

Ordered, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit;" also, the bill, entitled "An act providing for the trial of all causes pending in the respective district courts of the United States in case of the absence or disability of the judges thereof."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States on the 19th instant approved and signed "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Georgetown Lancaster School Society;" "An act repealing the tenth section of the act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" also, a joint resolution on the subject of arts and manufactures.

The House of Representatives insist on their amendments disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes." They agree to the conference proposed on the subject, and have appointed managers on their part.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

Resolved, That it be recommitted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, and Taylor, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the petitions of the inhabitants of that part of Louisiana called Feliciana, lying between the Pearl and Mississippi rivers, upon the subject of annexation to the state of Louisiana, be referred to the committee to whom was referred the bill

for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the managers at the conference on the part of the Senate on the bill, entitled "An act establishing a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes," made report.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the managers at the conference on their part, on the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment."

Whereupon,

Resolved, That they so far recede from their amendments as to agree to the report of the managers, and that the bill be so modified; and

Mr. Bibb, from the committee, having reported the same correctly engrossed,

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On request, by Mr. Worthington,

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, had leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The bill to carry into effect the provisions of the eighth section of the "Act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States south of the state of Tennessee," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Tait, Gregg, Lloyd, and Hunter, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having in part agreed to the report of the committee, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to provide for the designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The bill giving further time for registering claims to land in the eastern district of the territory of Orleans, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee to whom was recommitted, on the 28th January, the bill which originated in the Senate on the same subject, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the managers at the conference on their part, on the bill, entitled "An act establishing a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes." Whereupon,

Resolved, That they recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the House of Representatives, so far as to agree to the report of the managers, and that the bill be so modified.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans, the use and possession of a lot in the said city," reported it with an amendment, and the amendment was considered and agreed to, as in committee of the whole, and the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the modification of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment," as reported by the managers at the conference on the said bill.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the organization of a corps of artificers," in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee, and the report was in part adopted; and, after debate,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the bill to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state," reported it with amendments.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1812.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city," correctly engrossed; and the bill was read the third time as amended; and the title having been amended,

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Gilman, from the committee, also stated the report of the managers at the conference on the part of the Senate, on the bill, entitled "An act establishing a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes," correctly engrossed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives that the Senate agree to the report, and that the bill be modified accordingly.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to carry into effect the provisions of the eighth section of the act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Goodrich, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill for improving the navigation of the river Potomac, reported it with amendments.

The bill, entitled "An act for the organization of a corps of artificers," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Reed, Gilman, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash."

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

It was agreed to amend the second section by adding a proviso thereto.

On motion, by Mr. German,

To amend the second section of the bill, line three, by inserting the words "army and," extending the provision to the regular troops as well as militia:

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 13, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 15. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. German,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bibb, Cutts, German, Giles, Gilman, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, and Taylor.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making provision for the sale of the public lands, together with the motion for postponement to the first Monday in December next; and,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1812.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Gaillard, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Hunter, Leib, Lloyd, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bradley, Condit, Crawford, Dana, Franklin, Gregg, Howell, Lambert, Pope, and Worthington.

And the President reported the bill to the House amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read the third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 26th instant, approved and signed "An act to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first circuit."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act establishing a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment."

Mr. Franklin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Gordon, reported that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers; and the report was agreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public land northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Smith, of Maryland, and Bayard, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That Mr. Tait be added to the committee to whom were referred, on the 12th instant, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Arthur St. Clair;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson."

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1812.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 27th instant, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee; and the motion was agreed to; and,

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Bradley, and Gregg, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for improving the navigation of the river Potomac, opposite the city of Washington, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Charles Minifie, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 28th instant, approved and signed "An act establishing a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill to enlarge the limits of the state of Louisiana was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for the designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands.

On motion,

To strike out the words "fit for cultivation:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 12,
Nays 14.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Franklin, Gaillard, Gilman, Gregg, Leib, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Turner, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Brent, Crawford, German, Giles, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Lambert, Pope, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, and Varnum.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

To strike out two millions in the territory of Louisiana, and insert one million five hundred thousand:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 8,
Nays 17.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Lambert, Smith, of Maryland, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Crawford, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

And the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Gregg presented the petition of John Clarke, of the state of Pennsylvania, praying remuneration for services rendered during the Revolutionary war, as therein stated; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Reed, and Smith, of New York, be the committee.

Mr. Smith, of New York, presented the memorial of Peter Landais, praying compensation for military services.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1812.

The bill for the relief of Charles Minifie having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Charles Minifie."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for improving the navigation of the river Potomac, opposite the city of Washington, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for improving the navigation of the river Potomac, opposite the city of Washington."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to provide for the designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for the designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Arthur St. Clair," reported it without amendment. He also reported the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson," without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of New York,

Resolved, That the memorial of Peter Landais be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of New York, Brent, and Dana, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to carry into effect the provisions of the eighth section of the act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee; and,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill giving further time for registering claims to land in the eastern district of the territory of Orleans.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to enlarge the limits of the state of Louisiana; and,

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

The yeas and nays were required on passing the bill to a third reading; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and be made the order of the day.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war,' and for other purposes;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hubbell;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. They concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city."

The President of the United States, on the 30th instant, approved and signed "An act concerning the naval establishment." And he withdrew.

The two bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Brent, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Brent presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Washington, praying an enlargement of their capital, for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brent, Dana, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of David Porter be discharged; and that the consideration of the petition be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr;" and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of the Executive business,
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city."

Mr. Howell, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 30th December last, the petition of Nathaniel Smith, naval officer of the port of Providence, reported, as their opinion, that it would be inexpedient to act any further on it this session; and the report was agreed to.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," reported it amended.

Mr. Pope, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States,'" reported it amended.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That the resolutions of the legislature of the state of Kentucky, communicated on the 3d of March, on the subject of public roads, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pope, Campbell, of Tennessee, and Anderson, be the committee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Whitlow be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Tryon, reported that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted; and the report was agreed to.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hubbell," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bibb, Horsey, and Bradley, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war,' and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Varnum, and Tait, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the granting of patents for land, according to the surveys that have been made; and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended; and, by unanimous consent, was further amended: section 9th, line 2, strike out the word "next," and insert "one thousand eight hundred and twelve."

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," reported it amended.

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States for a limited time;" in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate; and the committee are instructed to impress on the Senate a speedy consideration of the bill. And they withdrew.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, stated, from the committee appointed to consider the message of the President of the United States of the first instant, that, having had information that a bill on the subject had passed the other House, the committee would not at present make a report.

It was objected to as against the rule.

He withdrew his motion, in order that the following motion might be taken up:

It was again objected to as against the rule.

That the bill be printed, under an injunction of secrecy, for the use of the Senate:

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, and Reed.

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

On the question to agree thereto,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Howell, Leib, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, and Reed.

The bill was read the second time.

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the committee yesterday appointed on the confidential message of the President of the United States, to consider and report thereon.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the Senate any information in possession of the government touching our foreign relations which has not been already communicated, and which, in his opinion, it may not be injurious to the public interests to make known to the Senate.

On the question to agree to the resolution,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	14,
	{ Nays	17.

On motion, by Mr. Goodrich,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Howell, Leib, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, from the committee to whom the bill was referred, reported it amended.

Mr. Anderson was called to the chair, and the bill was considered, as in committee of the whole, together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Bayard to amend the bill, by adding thereto the following section:

"And be it further enacted, That the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes;' and, also, the third section of the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,' be, and the same are hereby, repealed;" and,

On the question to adopt the amendment,

It was determined in the negative,	{	Yeas	13,
		Nays	19.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

And the bill having been debated, the President resumed the chair; and it was, by Mr. Anderson, reported with amendments; which were read and agreed to by the Senate, as follows:

Section 1, line 3, strike out "sixty;" line 6, strike out "under the immediate direction," and insert, "in ballast, with the consent."

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, pass to a third reading.

The following confidential message was received from the House of Representatives, by Messrs. Calhoun and Williams, a committee of that House; Mr. Calhoun, chairman:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to raise an additional military force,' passed January 11, 1812;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And they withdrew.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1812.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to exchange lands with the Ursuline nuns of the city of New Orleans," reported it amended.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to annex the towns of Kittery, Elliot, and Berwick, to the district of Portsmouth, reported it without amendment; and

On his motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in November next.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the granting of patents of land according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Gregg, and Goodrich, be the committee.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States for a limited time," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

It was agreed to fill the blank with the word "ninety."

On the question, Shall this bill pass as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 20,
Nays 13.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

Resolved, That a committee of two members be appointed to carry the bill to the House of Representatives, and request their concurrence in the amendments.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bibb, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee, reported that they had delivered the message.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to raise an additional military force,' passed January 11th, 1812," was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 7 o'clock in the evening; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill to enlarge the limits of the state of Louisiana having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the third reading thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

A motion was made, by Mr. Anderson, to suspend the twelfth rule for conducting business in the Senate, as it respects the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to raise an additional military force,' passed January 11th, 1812;" and, after debate, he withdrew his motion.

On motion,

That the bill be now read a second time by unanimous consent,

It was objected to as against the rule.

A motion was made, by Mr. Bayard, to postpone the consideration of the motion for the second reading of the bill until to-morrow; and

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Anderson renewed his motion to suspend the twelfth rule for conducting business in the Senate, as it respects the said bill; and

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 15,
Nays 9.

On motion,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Howell, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Dana, German, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lloyd, Pope, and Reed.

And, on motion, by Mr. Anderson, the bill was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. German,
That the injunction of secrecy be taken off as it respects the said bill,
It was determined in the negative,

	{ Yeas	13,
	{ Nays	13.

On motion, by Mr. German,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Bayard, Condit, Crawford, Dana, Gaillard, German, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, and Smith, of New York.
Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Cutts, Franklin, Howell, Leib, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.
After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1812.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,
The galleries were cleared, and the doors of the Senate chamber closed.
A message from the House of Representatives, by their committee, Messrs. Calhoun
and Williams; Mr. Calhoun, chairman:
Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Se-
nate to the bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the
ports and harbors of the United States, for a limited time." The Speaker of the
House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, we are directed to bring it
to the Senate for the signature of their President. And they withdrew.
Mr. Varnum, from the committee, reported the bill correctly enrolled.
The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and
it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.
Mr. Varnum, from the committee, reported that they this day laid before the Presi-
dent of the United States the enrolled bill last mentioned, and that the President had
approved and signed the act.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,
On motion, by Mr. Franklin,
The doors of the Senate chamber were opened.
Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city."
Mr. Leib presented the memorial of Arthur St. Clair, praying that, in consideration of services rendered to the United States during the Revolutionary war, and of his extreme poverty, Congress would make some provision to smooth his declining years, and secure him from the dread of immediate want; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,
Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon
by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Leib, Bradley, and Bayard, be the committee.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," reported it amended.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,
To strike out "six," and insert, in lieu thereof, "three," thereby to reduce the term
of militia service; a division was called for, and the question was taken on striking out,
And was determined in the negative,

{	Yeas	12,
{	Nays	16.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Condit, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Hunter, Lam-
bert, Lloyd, Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

Messrs. Anderson, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Gregg, Howell, Pope, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1812.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing a subscription for the laws of the United States; and,

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

It was agreed that the consideration thereof be further postponed to the first Monday in May next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to carry into effect the provisions of the 8th section of the "Act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee."

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 17th March, the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Mississippi territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

On the question, Shall this bill pass as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative,

{ Yeas	22.
{ Nays	7.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bradley, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Condit, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Lambert, and Smith, of Maryland.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Reed, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the organization of a corps of artificers," reported it amended.

On motion.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson."

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An

act to authorize the granting of patents of land according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes," reported it without amendment. He also reported the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public land northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments," amended.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

The galleries were cleared, and the doors of the Senate chamber closed.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The injunction of secrecy respecting the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to raise an additional military force,' passed January 11th 1812," was taken off; and,

Ordered, That the doors of the Senate chamber be opened.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas} & \dots\dots\dots 13, \\ \text{Nays} & \dots\dots\dots 7. \end{cases}$

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Pope, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Lambert, Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1812.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives disagreeing to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash."

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

That the Senate recede from the amendments disagreed to,

It was determined in the negative, $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas} & \dots\dots\dots 8, \\ \text{Nays} & \dots\dots\dots 14. \end{cases}$

On motion,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Gilman, Lambert, Pope, Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bradley, Condit, Crawford, Gaillard, Goodrich, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Lloyd, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, and Turner.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on the amendments disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. They agree to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr." They also agree to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state." The President of the United States, on the 3d instant, approved and signed "An act granting to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to raise an

Agreeably to the order of the day the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States,'" together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee, and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Reed gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington.

Mr. German gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court for the district of New York.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1812.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States,'" having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

The blank was filled with 300,000 dollars.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 8th instant, approved and signed "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state;" "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to raise an additional military force,' passed January 11th, 1812;" "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson;" also "An act for the relief of Thomas Orr."

The bill which hath passed the two Houses of Congress at the present session, entitled "An act providing for the trial of all causes pending in the respective district courts of the United States, in case of the absence or disability of the judges thereof," and presented to the President of the United States for his approbation, hath been returned by the President of the United States, with the following objections:

"Because the additional services imposed by the bill on the justices of the supreme court of the United States, are to be performed by them rather in the quality of other judges of other courts, namely, judges of the district courts, than in the quality of justices of the supreme court. They are to hold the said district courts, and to do and perform all acts relating to the said courts which are by law required of the district judges. The bill, therefore, virtually appoints, for the time, the justices of the supreme court to other distinct offices, to which, if compatible with their original offices, they ought to be appointed by another than the legislative authority, in pursuance of legislative provisions authorizing the appointments.

"Because the appeal allowed by law from the decision of the district courts to the circuit courts, whilst it corroborates the construction which regards a judge of the one court, as clothed with a new office, by being constituted a judge of the other, submits for correction erroneous judgments, not to superior or other judges, but to the erring individual himself, acting as sole judge in the appellate court.

"Because the additional services to be required may, by distances of place, and by the casualties contemplated by the bill, become disproportionate to the strength and health of the justices who are to perform them, the additional services being, moreover, entitled to no additional compensation, nor the additional expenses incurred, to reimbursement. In this view, the bill appears to be contrary to equity, as well as a precedent for modifications and extensions of judicial services, encroaching on the constitutional tenure of judicial offices.

"Because, by referring to the President of the United States questions of disability in the district judges, and of the unreasonableness of delaying the suits or causes pending in the district courts, and leaving it with him in such cases to require the justices of the supreme court to perform additional services, the bill introduces an unsuitable

relation of members of the judiciary department to a discretionary authority of the executive department.

“JAMES MADISON.”

And the House of Representatives, where the bill originated, have taken the question in the constitutional way, and have

Resolved, That this bill do not pass.

The House of Representatives recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the first section of the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash,” insisted on by the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled “An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana,” in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found correctly enrolled the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash;” also, the bill, entitled “An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States.”

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the bill to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics’ Bank of Alexandria, be made the order of the day for Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled “An act to authorize the Secretary of War to exchange lands with the Ursuline nuns of the city of New Orleans,” together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee, and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made on the 17th of March, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland, relating to the appropriations made by the several acts passed during the present session, and the motion was agreed to.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Reed asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Anderson presented the memorial of Eligius Fromentin and Allan B. Magruder, delegates from the convention of the territory of Orleans, soliciting a donation to the state of Louisiana of a public building in the city of New Orleans, commonly called the Government House, and the adjoining lot; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Gregg, and Pope, be the committee.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. German asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court of the district of New York; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o’clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 10th instant, they laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled “An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash;” also, the enrolled bill, entitled “An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States.”

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled “An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana,” was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The amendments of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to exchange lands with the Ursuline nuns of the city of New Orleans," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Was further amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented the memorial of William Patterson and Sons, and a number of others, merchants, of the city of Baltimore, praying a suspension of the non-importation act, or a partial modification thereof, for reasons therein stated at large; and the memorial was read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the limits of the state of Louisiana." They have passed a joint resolution appointing a committee on their part, to join such committee as the Senate may appoint, to consider and report what business demands the immediate attention of Congress, and whether a recess be compatible with the public interest, and the term of such recess; in which resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The joint resolution last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 10th instant, the memorial of the delegates from the convention of the territory of Orleans, reported a bill granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court of the district of New York was read the second time.

The bill authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the City of Washington, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Reed, Brent, and Gilman, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the bill, entitled "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the eastern district of the territory of Orleans." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase or lease the old city hall in the city of New York;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public land northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of

the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the limits of the state of Louisiana;" also, the bill, entitled "An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the eastern district of the territory of Orleans."

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly, reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the joint resolution brought up yesterday in relation to a recess.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in May next,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Anderson, and Goodrich, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase or lease the old city hall in the city of New York," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of New York,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of New York, Bradley, and Gregg, be the committee.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," together with the amendments reported by the select committee; and, having agreed thereto, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public land northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments," having been

reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion, by Mr. German,

Resolved, That the bill authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court of the district of New York be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. German, Goodrich, and Smith, of New York, be the committee.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States of the 3d of February, transmitting a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, containing a statement of the proceedings under the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Gregg, and Anderson, be the committee.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hubbel," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the granting of patents of land according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes;" and

On motion,

The bill was amended, and the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dana submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That it is proper by law to establish regulations applicable to cases of merchant vessels permitted to be armed for defence in voyages which may be allowed to foreign ports or places; and therein to provide for furnishing letters of permission, or other documentary evidence, as may be proper in any such case to manifest the defensive character of the armament; and, also, to require securities for the vessels and their commanders, respectively, that they shall not proceed to any port known to be actually blockaded, nor carry contraband articles to the dominions of any power engaged in war against such as may be at peace with the United States, nor violate the laws or treaties of the United States, or the rules of public law by the United States acknowledged, but will observe the instructions which may be given by the President of the United States for preventing any such violation, and that satisfaction shall be made for all damages and injuries, if any should be committed in contravention thereof: provided, that vessels bound for places beyond the southern Cape of Africa or America shall not be prevented from going armed, as has been usual in such cases.

After the consideration of the Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1812.

The bill to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the granting of patents of land according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Leib presented the memorial of Alexander Henry, and a number of others, merchants, of the city of Philadelphia, praying a suspension of the non-importation act, or a modification thereof, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Leib, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Lloyd, and Taylor, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the memorial of William Patterson, and others, on the same subject, presented the 13th instant, be referred to the committee last mentioned.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hubbell;" and

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the organization of a corps of artificers," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the river Mississippi and island of New Orleans;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They do not concur in the bill, passed by the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate Moses Austin, John Rice Jones, Henry Austin, and others, into a company, by the name of the Louisiana Lead Company." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the organization of a corps of artificers;" and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday by Mr. Dana, and it was agreed to; and,

On his motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dana, Smith, of Maryland, Taylor, Hunter, and Lloyd, be the committee.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, made in conformity with the resolution of the Senate of the 10th instant, relating to the appropriations made by the several acts passed during the present session; and the report was read.

Ordered, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 14th instant, approved and signed "An act to enlarge the limits of the state of Louisiana;" also, "An act giv-

ing further time for registering claims to land in the eastern district of the territory of Orleans."

Ordered, That the Secretary communicate this notice to the House of Representatives.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1812.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Reuben Saunders and his securities; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the river Mississippi and island of New Orleans," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Tait, and Worthington, be the committee.

The bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hubbell," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill for the relief of Thomas and William Streshley having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington;" a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Aaron Greely;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia." They agree to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to exchange lands with the Ursuline nuns of the city of New Orleans." They also agree to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments."

The President of the United States, on the 10th instant, approved and signed "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States;" also, "An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash;" and, on the 14th instant, "An act to prohibit the exportation of specie, goods, wares, and merchandise, for a limited time." And he withdrew.

The three bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Aaron Greely," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and

On his motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Worthington, and Varnum, be the committee.

The bill, granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans."

After the consideration of Executive business,
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several
orders of the day were postponed.

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be removed respecting the proceedings on the "Act to prohibit the exportation of specie, goods, wares, and merchandise, for a limited time."

To recommit the bill, for the purpose of amending the second section,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 11,
 { Nays 17.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,
 The yeas and nays having been required by one fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
 Messrs. Bradley, Dana, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd,
 Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
 Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts,
 Gaillard, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner,
 and Varnum.

On the question, Shall this bill pass as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 17,
 { Nays 11.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,
 The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
 Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts,
 Gaillard, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner,
 and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
 Messrs. Bradley, Dana, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd,
 Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Varnum and Anderson be a committee to carry the said bill
 to the House of Representatives, and request their concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee, reported that they had performed that duty.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Messrs. Calhoun and Piper; Mr.
 Calhoun chairman:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment to the bill,
 entitled "An act to prohibit the exportation of specie, goods, wares, and merchan-
 dise, for a limited time." And they withdrew.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1812.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly
 enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit the exportation of specie, goods, wares,
 and merchandise, for a limited time."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their committee for enrolled
 bills; Mr. Crawford chairman:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an en-
 rolled bill, the committee are directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of
 their President. And the committee withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and
 it was delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee, reported that they have laid the enrolled bill,
 last mentioned, before the President of the United States.

[End of confidential proceedings.]

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was yesterday referred the bill, entitled
 "An act for the relief of Aaron Greely," reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. German, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 14th instant, the
 bill authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court of the dis-
 trict of New York, reported it amended.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to
 continue in force 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds
 received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes,'" reported it amended.

He also reported, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, the bill,
 entitled "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana
 which lies east of the river Mississippi and island of New Orleans," without amend-
 ment.

The bill, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brent, Dana, and Hunter, be the committee.

The bill for the relief of Reuben Saunders and his securities was read the second time.

Mr. Smith, of New York, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase or lease the old city hall, in the city of New York," reported it amended.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 17th of March, the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Mississippi territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states;" and on the 6th instant, the bill to carry into effect the provisions of the eighth section of the act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee, reported that the said bills be severally postponed to the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom the message of the President of the United States, of the 3d March, respecting the proceedings under the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in Maryland, to the state of Ohio, was referred, reported a bill in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of government, therein mentioned,'" was read the second time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary for the Department of War to exchange lands with the Ursuline nuns of the city of New Orleans;" the bill, entitled "An act for the organization of a corps of artificers;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hubbell;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the granting of patents of land according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" also, a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the departure of ships and vessels from the ports and harbors of the United States, in certain cases;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President addressed the Senate as follows:

"GENTLEMEN: Upon me devolves the painful duty of announcing to the Senate the death of our venerable fellow citizen, GEORGE CLINTON, Vice President of the United States.

"By this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence the Senate is deprived of a President rendered dear to each of its members by the dignity and impartiality with which he has so long presided over their deliberations; and the nation bereaved of one of the brightest luminaries of its glorious Revolution."

The Senate being informed of the decease of their distinguished fellow-citizen, George Clinton, Vice President of the United States, do

Resolve, That a committee be appointed, jointly, with such as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to consider and report measures proper to manifest the public respect for the memory of the deceased, and expressive of the

deep regret of the Congress of the United States on the loss of a citizen so highly respected and revered.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of New York, Smith, of Maryland, German, Gilman, and Bradley, be the committee.

Ordered, That the Secretary carry this resolution to the House of Representatives.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee "to consider and report measures proper to manifest the public respect for the memory of the Vice President of the United States," deceased, and have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day are postponed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1812.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of New York,

Resolved unanimously, That, from an unfeigned respect to the late George Clinton, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate, the chair of the President of the Senate be shrouded with black during the present session; and, as a further testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members of the Senate will go into mourning and wear a black crape round the left arm for thirty days.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day are postponed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the granting of patents of land according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes."

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Peter Hoffman, jr. and others, merchants, of the city of Baltimore, stating that their ship William, on the last day of March last, received a clearance for a voyage to Cadiz, and on the day following sailed from the port of Baltimore, previous to the late message of the President of the United States recommending an embargo; that the vessel proceeded on her voyage, and, whilst on the high seas, was met by a revenue cutter, and brought back to the port of Baltimore; and praying permission for the said vessel to depart and pursue her contemplated voyage; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Bibb, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee.

The two bills brought up on the 20th instant for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill in addition to the "Act to regulate the laying out and opening a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Mississippi territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states;" also, the bill to carry into effect the provisions of the eighth section of the act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee; and, in conformity thereto,

Resolved, That the first mentioned bill be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Resolved, also, That the bill to carry into effect the provisions of the eighth section of the act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee, be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes,'" together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Aaron Greely," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the joint resolution brought up from the House of Representatives, on the subject of a recess.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

To strike out a part of the resolution for the purpose of amendment, a division was called for; and, on the question to strike out, the votes being equal, the President determined it in the negative.

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the joint resolution.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Reed, Worthington, Goodrich, and Lloyd, be the committee.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President. The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the six enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Lloyd presented the petition of Ezra Weston and Son, of Duxbury, in the state of Massachusetts, praying indemnification for a vessel and cargo, fitted out in reliance on the proclamation of the President of the United States, of 2d November, 1810, that the decrees of France, violating neutral commerce, were revoked, and which vessel and cargo were captured on the 23d January last, in the prosecution of a voyage from Boston to Oporto, in Portugal, by two French frigates, and burnt by the orders of their commanding officer; which frigates, they were informed by one of the officers, were fitted out for the express purpose of destroying all American vessels bound to any part of Spain or Portugal in the possession of the enemies of France; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Secretary for the Department of State, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the river Mississippi and island of New Orleans;" and,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court of the district of New York, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Reuben Saunders and his securities; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned,'" and,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. German presented the memorial of Charles Selden and others, citizens of the state of New York, praying a repeal of the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, for a limited time,"

passed the 4th of April, 1812, or a modification thereof, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

Mr. German also presented the memorial of Conklin and Pierson, and others, merchants, of the city of New York, praying a suspension of the non-importation act, or a modification thereof, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. German,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 15th instant, the memorial of Alexander Henry and others, merchants, of Philadelphia, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Cutts presented the memorial of John Goddard, and others, citizens of Portsmouth, in the state of New Hampshire, and its vicinity, praying a repeal of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting the importation of goods, wares, and merchandise, from Great Britain," for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Cutts,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary; which was read, as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Among the incidents to the unexampled increase and expanding interests of the American nation, under the fostering influence of free constitutions and just laws, has been a corresponding accumulation of duties in the several departments of the government; and this has been necessarily the greater in consequence of the peculiar state of our foreign relations, and the connection of these with our internal administration.

The extensive and multiplied preparations into which the United States are at length driven for maintaining their violated rights, have caused this augmentation of business to press on the Department of War particularly, with a weight disproportionate to the powers of any single officer, with no other aids than are authorized by existing laws. With a view to a more adequate arrangement for the essential objects of that department, I recommend to the early consideration of Congress a provision for two subordinate appointments therein, with such compensations annexed as may be reasonably expected by citizens duly qualified for the important functions which may be properly assigned to them.

JAMES MADISON.

April 20, 1812.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported in part, a bill concerning merchant vessels armed for defence, and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1812.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes,'" having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court of the district of New York having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court of the district of New York."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the relief of Reuben Saunders and his securities having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Reuben Saunders and his securities."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the six enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Aaron Greely."

The bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Turner, Worthington, Gregg, Condit, and Leib, be the committee.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed on the subject, further reported a bill respecting associations for maritime security, and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the departure of ships and vessels from the ports and harbors of the United States in certain cases," was read the second time.

The bill concerning merchant vessels armed for defence was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the river Mississippi and island of New Orleans," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, from the committee appointed on the subject of Tennessee lands, reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of lands therein described; which was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, complying with their resolution of the 4th of March last.

JAMES MADISON.

April 23, 1812.

The message and report therein referred to were read.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1812.

The bill in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States, of the 22d instant, recommending provision for two subordinate appointments in the War Department, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Worthington, and Giles, be the committee.

The bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of land therein described was read the second time.

The bill respecting associations for maritime security was read the second time.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Peter Hoffman, and others, owners of the ship William,

That the petitioners state that the said ship was laden with flour, between the 18th and 27th of March, cleared out on the 31st, and actually sailed on the 1st of April, on her intended voyage to Cadiz; that they had no knowledge of the intention of laying an embargo, either while loading or at the time of the sailing of said ship; that, from contrary winds and weather, she was detained in the Chesapeake until the 10th of April, when, at the distance of four leagues from Cape Henry, she was detained by the revenue cutter Jefferson, and ordered back to Baltimore, where she now lies; all which is proved to the satisfaction of the committee.

The committee, however, are of opinion that the case is not such as ought to induce the Senate to grant the prayer of the petition; they therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their memorial; and the report was agreed to.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the departure of ships and vessels from the ports and harbors of the United States in certain cases;" and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a General Land Office in the Department of the Treasury," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John N. Stout;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States, on the 23d instant, approved and signed "An act to authorize the granting of patents for land according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes;" "An act to authorize the Secretary for the Department of War to exchange lands with the Ursuline nuns of the city of New Orleans;" "An act for the organization of a corps of artificers;" "An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" "An act for the relief of William Hubbell;" also "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a General Land Office in the Department of the Treasury;" and,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Bradley, from the joint committee of the two Houses appointed on the subject of a recess, reported the business that demands the immediate attention of Congress, and the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, during the present session of Congress, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall, on the 29th day of April instant, adjourn their respective Houses to Monday, the 18th day of May next, then to meet at the same place in which the two Houses are now sitting.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

The resolution was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Amended, by striking out the words "eighteenth day of May next."

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 18,
Nays 13.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bradley, Condit, Crawford, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsesey, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Smith, of New York, Turner, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Cutts, Gaillard, Giles, Howell, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Tait, Taylor, and Varnum.

Mr. Bradley presented the petition of Simeon Knight, district paymaster, praying to be allowed one per centum on all moneys disbursed by him and passed to his credit on the settlement of his accounts by the Accountant of the Department of War, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That it be referred to the paymaster general of the army, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Brent, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington," reported it with amendments, which were considered as in committee of the whole, and agreed to; and the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day are postponed.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Aaron Greely;" and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned;'" the bill, entitled "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the river Mississippi and island of New Orleans;" the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a general land office in the Department of the Treasury;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war.'"

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and was further amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Leib presented the petition of Thomas Skelly, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, stating that he was owner of the brigantine called the Meteor, and that the said brigantine was captured by a British armed vessel whilst on her return to the United States, on the 21st of July, 1811, and illegally condemned in the British high court of admiralty, and praying relief, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War;" and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The joint resolution for adjournment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time as amended.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley,

To fill the blank with the words "eighth day of June next:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 18,
Nays 13.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 25th instant, they laid before the President of the United States four enrolled bills, to wit: the bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a general land office in the Department of the Treasury;" the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned;" the bill, entitled "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana which lies west of the river Mississippi and island of New Orleans;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act to provide for persons

who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes."

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War," was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the corps of engineers," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans." And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

Resolved, That the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the corps of engineers," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Varnum, and Bayard, be the committee.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom were referred the amendments to the bill last mentioned, made report.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill concerning merchant vessels armed for defence; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Leib, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill allowing an annuity to Arthur St. Clair; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of land, therein described; and,

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John N. Stout;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pope, Brent, and Gregg, be the committee.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the departure of ships and vessels from the ports and harbors of the United States in certain cases."

The President communicated a report of the Paymaster General of the army, on the petition of Simeon Knight, district paymaster; which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Gregg presented the memorial of Thomas P. Cope, and others, stating that, some time subsequent to the proclamation of the President of the United States, of the 2d of November, 1810, their brig *Daphne* cleared from Philadelphia for Calcutta. That, in consequence of the non-importation law, they have ordered the said vessel, and a return cargo, amounting to 239,000 dollars, to the island of St. Bartholomews; that the said vessel and cargo is exposed to capture and depredation in the event of war, and to condemnation should she enter a port in America. They, therefore, pray

permission for the said vessel to enter an American port, there to remain and be disposed of as subsequent events may dictate; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Lloyd, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

Mr. Smith, of New York, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel G. Ingraham, and others, reported a bill to discharge from imprisonment the persons therein mentioned; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1812.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court for the district of New York." And he withdrew.

The bill allowing an annuity to Arthur St. Clair was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Goodrich, and Varnum, be the committee.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the corps of engineers;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court for the district of New York;" also, the bill, entitled "An act granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill concerning merchant vessels armed for defence; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill respecting associations for maritime security; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington." They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Minifie." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Leib submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn the respective Houses of Congress on Wednesday, the 6th of May, to Monday, the 25th of May; and the resolution was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill to discharge from imprisonment the persons therein mentioned was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War;" and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to establish an Executive De-

partment, to be denominated the Department of War," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time as amended, and the blanks were filled.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War.'"

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill concerning merchant vessels armed for defence having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, and the blank filled.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act concerning merchant vessels armed for defence."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill respecting associations for maritime security having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act respecting associations for maritime security."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 24th instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief of Aaron Greeley;" also, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned;'" on the 25th instant, "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the Mississippi river and island of New Orleans;" also, "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes;" and, on the 27th instant, "An act authorizing the departure of ships and vessels from the ports and harbors of the United States in certain cases." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have postponed, indefinitely, the resolution proposing an adjournment of the two Houses of Congress on the 29th of April, to the 8th of June next. They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson;" also, a bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Pope asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill more effectually to protect the commerce and coasts of the United States; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Brent presented the petition of John and Thomas Vowell, and others, merchants, of Alexandria, stating that they are owners of property to a large amount in England, and in English ports, and praying that the non-importation law may be repealed, or so modified as to admit the importation of British goods to the amount of American claims, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

Mr. Varnum presented the petition of Jonathan Grout, of Philadelphia, praying Congress to authorize the purchase of his patent right to a new and improved mode of conveying intelligence, and giving signals, by telegraphs; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Varnum, Leib, and Brent, be the committee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day are postponed.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington."

The bill more effectually to protect the commerce and coasts of the United States was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson," was read the second time.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Gregg, and Smith, of New York, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act making an additional appropriation for the support of government for the year 1812," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of land therein described; and,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill allowing an annuity to Arthur St. Clair; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time.
It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 15,
{ Nays 7.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Crawford, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg,
Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Smith, of Maryland, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Condit, Cutts, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Turner, and Varnum.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's island, and for other purposes;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Lloyd presented the memorial of five hundred and thirty-five merchants of Boston, praying the repeal, or such modification, of the non-importation act, as may enable them to receive their property now in Great Britain and her dependencies, which was read; and,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and, in the mean time, that it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lloyd, Taylor, Gregg, Leib, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to discharge from imprisonment the persons therein mentioned; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. German,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of New York,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to pay, out of the contingent fund, the expenses incurred for the funeral of the late Vice President of the United States, whenever the same shall have been allowed and certified by the committee of arrangement.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day are postponed.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Minifie."

The bill to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of land therein described having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 18,
Nays 6.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Cutts, Gaillard, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Crawford, Dana, German, Taylor, and Turner.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of land therein described."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Turner, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Leib presented the petition of Ninian Pinkney, now a captain in the army, stating that, on the 20th of August, 1808, he was appointed brigade inspector pro tempore, and that he performed the duties thereof at New Orleans, and has received the emoluments attached to said office up to the 31st of May, 1810, but, on his arrival at the seat of government, was required by the Department of War to refund, on the plea that the appointment was inadmissible, and praying relief, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Leib, Howell, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

The bill allowing an annuity to Arthur St. Clair having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

To fill the blank with the words "five hundred dollars,"

It was determined in the negative; and,

On his motion,

To fill the blank with the words "four hundred and fifty dollars," the votes being equal, the President determined the question in the affirmative.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 17,
Nays 9.

On motion,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Crawford, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg,

Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Smith, of Maryland, and Worthington. Those who voted in the negative, are, Messrs. Condit, Cutts, Gaillard, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act allowing an annuity to Arthur St. Clair."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 29th of April, approved and signed "An act authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court of the district of New York;" "An act granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans;" also "An act making further provision for the corps of engineers;" and, this day "An act for the relief of Charles Minifie."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to admit the entry of vessels of the United States, on certain conditions; and the bill was read

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That the bill to discharge from imprisonment the persons therein mentioned be recommitted to a select committee, with instructions to inquire into, and report the facts of the case.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Smith, of New York, and German, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812;" and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Gregg presented the memorial of James Wilkinson, stating that he has been stigmatised as a public defaulter; but that, so far from deserving that charge, he can make it appear that the public are indebted to him, and praying an inquiry into his case may be instituted, and such decision thereon as may be compatible with justice and equity; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That this memorial, and that presented the last session, together with the report on the memorial last mentioned, be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Smith, of Maryland, Taylor, Varnum, and Anderson, be the committee.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day are postponed.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1812.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812," was reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

A bare quorum attending,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1812.

Mr. Leib, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill for the relief of Ninian Pinkney, and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill to admit the entry of vessels of the United States on certain conditions was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill authorizing a subscription for the laws of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson;" and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads."

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

Resolved, That the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Horsey, Brent, and Worthington, be the committee.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of a large number of the merchants of Boston, praying the repeal or modification of the non-importation act, stated that they had instructed their chairman to report that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk, pro tempore:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives do not concur in the resolution proposing a recess from the 6th to the 25th of May.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the citizens of Venezuela;" a bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas F. Reddick;" a bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States;" a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the election of sheriffs in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes;" also a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of Washington College;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate; also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War,' with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands;" and,

On motion,

Resolved That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War.'"

On motion, by Mr. German,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas 11,
	{ Nays 13.

On motion,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bibb, Crawford, German, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Leib, Lloyd, Smith, of Maryland, and Turner.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Cutts, Dana, Gaillard,
Gilman, Howell, Robinson, Tait, Varnum, and Worthington.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The six bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the citizens of Venezuela," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Bayard, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year 1812," was read a third time as amended.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to revise the item respecting marshals, and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Leib, and Turner, be the committee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland;" the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands."

The bill for the relief of Ninian Pinkney was read the second time.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the citizens of Venezuela," reported it without amendment; and

On his motion,

The bill was considered as in committee of the whole.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of Washington College," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That the two last mentioned bills be severally referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Smith, of Maryland, and Varnum, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the election of sheriffs in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Bayard, and Tait, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War.'"

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill and amendment be postponed to the first Monday in June next,

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

The bill, entitled "An act to annex a part of West Florida to the Mississippi territory," was read a second time.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Bayard, and Tait, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Ninian Pinkney.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas F. Reddick;" and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

Resolved, That the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Washington College," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dana, Worthington, and Brent, be the committee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1812.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes,'" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance," reported it with an amendment, which was considered as in committee of the whole, and agreed to; and the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read the third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States," reported it with an amendment, which was considered as in committee of the whole, and agreed to; and the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to annex a part of West Florida to the Mississippi territory," reported it with an amendment, which was considered as in committee of the whole, and agreed to; and the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 6th instant, approved and signed "An act to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland;" "An act to provide for designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands;" also, "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill for the relief of Ninian Pinkney having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Ninian Pinkney."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That Mr. Pope be added to the committee to whom was referred the bill,

entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve," in absence of Mr. Leib.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee, reported the bill last mentioned without further amendment.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Pope submitted the following motion for consideration:

Whereas, the conduct of the French government, in failing to make compensation for the property of the citizens of the United States, seized and confiscated under the Rambouillet decree, in the year 1810, in excluding from France, by enormous discriminating duties, our tobacco and cotton, the principal articles of export in the southern and southwestern parts of the United States, contrary to our just expectations, authorized by the assurances of her minister; besides granting licenses to carry on a trade from certain ports of the United States, so disrespectful to the feelings, so derogatory to the sovereignty of an independent nation; and the recent and repeated aggressions of her public and private armed vessels on the lawful commerce of the United States; demand, from the impartiality, honor, and dignity of this government, a disavowal of the arrangement made with her, which took effect on the 2d day of November, 1810, a measure calculated to inspire general confidence and respect, and to convince every true American that the object of his government is, to unite the people in a manly American effort to resist foreign aggression: And, whereas, many of our citizens, under an expectation, or, at least, a hope, of a change in our relations with Great Britain, have, in the course of trade, acquired property abroad not admissible by existing laws into the United States, the importation of which it is reasonable and expedient to permit; expedient, because it will not only prevent injuries and loss to many of our citizens, but aid our finances, cheapen the public supplies until a sufficiency can be procured of home manufacture, and lessen the necessity of internal taxes to carry on the war in which we may be engaged with Great Britain: therefore,

Resolved, That the act, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," passed on the first day of May, 1810, except the ——— section thereof; all the force and effect of the President's proclamation, issued in virtue thereof, on the ——— day of ——— in the same year; and the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" passed on the 2d day of March, 1811, ought to be repealed, annulled, and set aside; and that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for that purpose.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, MAY 11, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes,'" was read the second time.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Varnum, and Taylor, be the committee.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 8th instant, they laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve," was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to annex a part of West Florida to the Mississippi territory," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed the bill was read a third time as amended; and,

On motion,

The title was amended so as to read as follows: "An act to enlarge the boundaries of the Mississippi territory."

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordinance," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Was further amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory," reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, presented the petition of sundry citizens of the said territory, on the subject-matter of the said bill; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Worthington submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire, if any, what, further provision is necessary to compel the residence and attendance of territorial judges in their respective territories, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1812.

Mr. Bayard gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state."

Mr. Gregg presented the memorial of certain persons, subjects of the crown of Portugal, and masters of Portuguese vessels, which arrived at the port of Philadelphia since the passing of the last embargo law, for the purpose of procuring cargoes of flour and other provisions, and praying to be permitted to return to the ports of their own country with such cargoes.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Anderson, Bayard, Campbell, of Tennessee, and Taylor, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. German,

Ordered, That the memorial of Charles Selden, and others, citizens of the state of New York, presented on the 22d April, be also referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Worthington, which was amended and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire, if any, what, further provision is necessary to compel the residence and attendance of judges in their respective circuits, districts, and territories, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and also into the propriety of prohibiting the judges from practising in the state courts.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Worthington, and Campbell, of Tennessee, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 4th instant, approved and signed "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington;" and, on the 8th instant, "An act for the relief of the citizens of Venezuela;" and, on the 11th instant, "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" also, "An act for the relief of John Thompson." The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the boundaries of the Mississippi

territory." They also concur in the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance." They have passed a resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause a census to be taken of the population of the Mississippi territory, in which resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made on the 8th instant, by Mr. Pope, on the subject of commercial restrictions.

On the question, Shall this resolution pass?

It was determined in the negative,

}	Yeas	8,
}	Nays	15.

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Pope, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Gaillard, Gregg, Howell, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1812.

The number of Senators present not being sufficient to constitute a quorum,

On motion,

That the Senate adjourn.

It was determined in the affirmative,

{ Yeas	8,
{ Nays	5.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Crawford, Gaillard, Gilman, Gregg, Robinson, Tait, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, German, Horsey, Taylor, and Worthington.

So the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1812.

The resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause a census to be taken of the population of the Mississippi territory, was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the boundaries of the Mississippi territory;" the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief Thomas F. Reddick."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendment, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," reported it with amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed thereto, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly; and the bill was further amended; and

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed seven

ral enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives do not concur in the bill, entitled "An act allowing an annuity to Arthur St. Clair." They have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the election of sheriffs in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes," reported it with amendments.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bayard asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Pope, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John N. Stout," reported it without amendment; and,

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Brent, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Bank of Washington; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria."

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1812.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill respecting the judges of the United States; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause a census to be taken of the population of the Mississippi territory was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve;" also, in the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States." And he withdrew.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria;" the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their

President. The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries," with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned; and,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

The bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Bank of Washington was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John N. Stout," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

The bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state," was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed,

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state.'"

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana," as amended; and the bill was further amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1812.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes." And he withdrew.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John N. Stout;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee, which were agreed to; and the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill respecting the judges of the United States was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Anna Young, heiress and representative of Colonel John Durkee, deceased," in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly."

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the election of sheriffs in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported by the select committee; and having agreed thereto, in part,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause a census to be taken of the population of the Mississippi territory was resumed.

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading

Mr. Gregg presented sundry petitions, signed by a large number of persons residing in the county of Philadelphia, and state of Pennsylvania, deprecating the horrors of war, and praying the united efforts of Congress and the President of the United States for the continuation of the blessings of peace. And the petitions were read.

Mr. Worthington gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill making further provision for the sale of the reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio; and to distribute certain copies of the land laws.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly;" also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state;" and that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John N. Stout;" the bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries."

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Anna Young, heiress and representative of Colonel John Durkee, deceased," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Goodrich,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Goodrich, Gregg, and Tait, be the committee.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Worthington asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill making further provision for the sale of the reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio, and to distribute certain copies of the land laws; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to discharge from imprisonment the persons therein mentioned, reported it without amendment.

The resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause a census to be taken of the population of the Mississippi territory, was read a third time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Taylor, Worthington, and Bayard, be the committee.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and was further amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed,

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes," reported it amended.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the election of sheriffs in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes."

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The consideration of the bill respecting the judges of the United States was resumed; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

On motion, by Mr. Robinson,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Thursday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1812.

The bill making further provision for the sale of the reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio, and to distribute certain copies of the land laws, was read the second time.

The bill respecting the judges of the United States having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act respecting the judges of the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," was read a third time as amended, and the blanks were filled.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 14th instant, approved and signed "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance;" "An act to enlarge the boundaries of the Mississippi territory;" "An act for the relief of Thomas F. Reddick;" and, on the 16th instant, "An act making further provision for the army of the United States;" also, "An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. They have passed a bill, entitled "An act

making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Louisiana;" also, a bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of discharging all the outstanding claims for the construction and repair of the capitol and the President's house, for the compensation of the late surveyor of the public buildings, and for furniture for the different apartments of the capitol, and for other purposes;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to discharge from imprisonment the persons therein mentioned; and

Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and

The bill having been debated, the President resumed the chair; and

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee of the whole, that the bill be postponed to the first Monday in December next; and

On the question to agree to the report,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas 16,
	{ Nays 5.

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Gaillard, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Howell, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Dana, German, Leib, Reed, and Smith, of New York.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 16th instant, approved and signed "An act to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria;" and, on the 20th instant, "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes,' together with the amendment reported by the select committee; and, having agreed thereto, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment to the bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Louisiana;" and

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the election of sheriffs in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes," was resumed; and

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Bank of Washington was resumed.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state;'" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly."

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the election of sheriffs in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives that the Senate do not concur in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of discharging all the outstanding claims for the construction and repair of the capitol and the President's house, for the compensation of the late surveyor of the public buildings, and for furniture for the different apartments of the capitol, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Taylor, Dana, and Reed, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes.'" And he withdrew.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill last mentioned.

The bill, entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Louisiana," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Varnum, Worthington, and Brent, be the committee.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, this day approved and signed "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state;'" also, "An act for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill making further provision for the sale of the reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio, and to distribute certain copies of the land laws; and

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Varnum gave notice that, on Monday next, he should ask leave to bring in a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia."

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported that, on the 22d instant, they laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes.'"

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Varnum asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia;" and

On his motion,

The bill was twice read by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Varnum, Smith, of Maryland, and Anderson, be the committee.

The consideration of the bill making further provision for the sale of the reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio, and to distribute certain copies of the land laws, was resumed.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read the third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1812.

The President communicated the resolutions of the citizens of the first congressional district of Pennsylvania, approbating the measures of government in the preparations for war with Great Britain, and particularly the conduct of their representatives in Congress; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes," be referred to a select committee, who shall be empowered to report, by bill or otherwise, such amendments as may be deemed necessary thereto.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Goodrich, Anderson, Gaillard, and Gregg, be the committee.

The bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Bank of Washington was resumed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The bill making further provision for the sale of the reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio, and to distribute certain copies of the land laws, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act making further provision for the sale of the reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio, and to distribute certain copies of the land laws."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress, for their information, copies and extracts from the correspondence of the Secretary of State and the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at Paris. These documents will place before Congress the actual posture of our relations with France.

May 26, 1812.

JAMES MADISON.

The message and documents therein referred to were read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That twelve hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 20th instant, approved and signed "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes;" also, "An act for the relief of John N. Stout." The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ninian Pinkney." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to the Senate the number of men ordered to be supplied by each state for the purpose of completing their respective quotas under the act of the present session, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States."

Mr. German gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill to revive and continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act further to provide for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes," passed February 24th, 1810.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ninian Pinkney."

Agreeably to notice, Mr. German asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to revive and continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act further to provide for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes," passed the 24th of February, 1810; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday respecting the quotas of militia of the United States, and agreed thereto.

The bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 22d instant, approved and signed "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes.'" The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Garrard;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for exporting, with the privilege of drawback, goods, wares, and merchandise, entitled thereto by law;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Garrard," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pope, Tait, and Condit, be the committee.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1812.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in obedience to the provision of the fourth section of the act, entitled "An act establishing navy hospitals," passed the 26th of February, 1811; and the report was read.

The bill to revive and continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act further to provide for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes," passed the 24th of February, 1810, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. German,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. German, Goodrich, and Gregg, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for exporting, with privilege of drawback, goods, wares, and merchandise, entitled thereto by law," was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendments having been offered,

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia," be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ninian Pinkney."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the more perfect organization of the infantry of the army of the United States;" a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, one of the public reservations of ground in the city of Washington;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the district of Columbia;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The bill, entitled "An act for the more perfect organization of the infantry of the army of the United States," was, by unanimous consent, read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Anderson, and Varnum, be the committee.

Mr. Smith, of New York, from the committee to whom the memorials of Peter Landais were referred, made report; which was read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1812.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the Department of War, on the number of men required by each state under the act, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States;" made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 27th of May last; and the report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Varnum, Condit, Gilman, and Gregg, be the committee.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War.'"

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill and amendment be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the memorials of Peter Landais.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the claim of Peter Landais ought not to be granted.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, one of the public reservations of ground in the city of Washington," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for exporting, with privilege of drawback, goods, wares, and merchandise, entitled thereto by law," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Bank of Washington, was resumed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Missouri."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an

enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia;" they also disagree to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments,'" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew. The bill last mentioned was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 28th May, approved and signed "An act for the relief of Ninian Pinkney."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Pope, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Garrard," reported it without amendment.

On motion,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That they insist on the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee to whom was referred the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia," reported it amended.

A confidential message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, which is inserted on the confidential journal.

On motion,

The galleries were cleared and the doors of the Senate chamber were closed.

After the consideration of confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments,'" was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia."

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Brent, and Dana, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia, be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, one of the public reservations of ground in the city of Washington," be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 13th April, the bill, which originated in the Senate, on the subject, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1812.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the "Act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes,'" reported that the session drawing to a close it was not expedient at this time to consider the subject.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the government of the territory of Missouri."

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

On motion,

Ordered, That they be referred to the committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments,'" was resumed.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia."

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Garrard," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Louisiana," reported it amended.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of James Wilkinson, reported a statement of his account with the United States.

The President communicated the resolutions of the citizens and inhabitants of Richmond, Manchester, and their vicinities, on the subject of our relations with Great Britain and France; which were read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1812.

The bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Bank of Washington was resumed.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in October next.

The bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed,

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

That it be recommitted for further amendment,

It was determined in the negative; and

The bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act supplementary to

an act, entitled 'An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the district of Columbia.'

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Louisiana," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Horsey, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes," reported it amended.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1812.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Louisiana," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and the title having been amended,

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The report of the committee on the memorial of James Wilkinson was resumed.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the more perfect organization of the infantry of the army of the United States," reported it with amendments.

Mr. German, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to revive and continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act to provide for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes," passed the 24th of February, 1810, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Brent presented the memorial of William Gamble, praying compensation for services rendered the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, to consider and report thereon.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit, for the information of Congress, copies of a correspondence of the Minister Plenipotentiary of Great Britain, with the Secretary of State.

JAMES MADISON.

June 4, 1812.

The message and copies therein referred to were read.

On motion,

Ordered, That they be referred to the committee appointed the first instant on the confidential message of the President of the United States of that date.

After the consideration of confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act, entitled 'An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments,'" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Garrard;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to extend the

time for exporting, with privilege of drawback, goods, wares, and merchandise, entitled thereto by law."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac, around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read the third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill for the more perfect organization of the infantry of the army of the United States was considered as in committee of the whole, and the amendments reported by the select committee were agreed to, and the bill was further amended, and the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress copies of letters which have passed between the Secretary of State and the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Great Britain.

JAMES MADISON.

June 8, 1812.

The message and copies were read.

After the consideration of the confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1812.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac, around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes," were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act for the more perfect organization of the infantry of the army of the United States," was resumed, and having been further amended,

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith, of New York, presented the memorial of Samuel Adams, and others, merchants, of the city of New York, deprecating the calamities of war, preferring the continuance of the embargo and restrictive system, to that greatest of all evils; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Reed presented sundry resolutions, signed Richard Ridgely, chairman, the result of a meeting of a number of citizens of Ann Arundel county, in the state of Maryland, recommending the adoption of such measures as may place our country in a state of maritime defence, and procure a redress of wrongs from the belligerent nations; and the resolutions were read.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

Ordered, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Hunter presented the resolutions of the legislature of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, instructing their Senators and Representatives in Congress, to use their endeavors to avert the evils of war, to put our maritime frontier in a state of defence, and for the repeal of the embargo and restrictive system; and the resolutions were read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States, on the 4th instant, approved and signed "An act providing for the government of the territory of Missouri."

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill,

entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Louisiana."

They insist on their disagreement to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," insisted on by the Senate; they ask a conference on the subject, and have appointed managers on their part.

They have passed a resolution requesting the state of Georgia to assent to the formation of two states of the Mississippi territory," in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Colonel Jonathan Williams;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Clement B. Penrose;" a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Peck from his imprisonment;" a bill, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory, founded on warrants of survey granted by the Spanish government;" also, a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the remission of forfeited recognizances within the district of Columbia;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1812.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the more perfect organization of the infantry of the army of the United States," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended; and,

On motion,

The title was amended, so as to read as follows: "An act for the more perfect organization of the army of the United States."

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of William Gamble, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 5th instant; and the report was read.

Mr. Gaillard presented the petition of Joseph Willington Page, of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, merchant, praying to be exonerated from a judgment obtained against him by the United States, as surety in a custom house bond for a certain Barnard Laffon, for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

The six bills and the resolution brought up yesterday from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

On motion,

The Senate took into consideration the resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment; and, having agreed thereto,

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Giles, and Gregg, be the managers on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory, founded on warrants of survey granted by the Spanish government," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Tait, and Worthington, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Colonel Jonathan Williams," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. German,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, German, and Dana, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Clement B. Penrose," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution requesting the state of Georgia to assent to the formation of two states of the Mississippi territory was read the second time; and

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Peck from his imprisonment," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hunter, Howell, and Goodrich, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the remission of forfeited recognizances within the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War.'"

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Resolved, That the bill and amendment be postponed to the first Monday in October next.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's island, and for other purposes," was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported by the committee on the memorial of General James Wilkinson, which is as follows:

Resolved, That the proper accounting officer of the Department of War be directed, in the settlement of General Wilkinson's account, to place to his credit the sum of four thousand and thirty-six dollars seventy-seven cents.

And the resolution was agreed to; and

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the original committee, with instruction to bring in a bill accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to revive and continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act to provide for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of the Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1812.

Mr. Gaillard presented sundry resolutions, signed by John Geddes, chairman, adopted at a numerous meeting of the citizens of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, approbatory of the measures of the general government for the maintenance of the

national honor and the preservation of its dignity and independence; and the resolutions were read.

On motion, by Mr. Gaillard,

Ordered, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Giles presented a memorial, signed by a great number of the inhabitants of the city of Richmond and town of Manchester, deprecating the calamities of war, but expressing their opinion that, if peace cannot be procured with honor, and war is inevitable, it ought to be declared, not against Great Britain only, but against both Great Britain and France; and the memorial was read.

Mr. Lloyd presented a resolution of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, passed June 2d, inst. expressing their opinion "that an offensive war against Great Britain, under the present circumstances of this country, would be, in the highest degree, impolitic, unnecessary, and ruinous;" also, a memorial of the said House of Representatives, passed by a majority of one hundred and sixty-six, on the same subject; and the resolution and memorial were read.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the remission of forfeited recognizances within the District of Columbia."

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill to revive and continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act further to provide for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes," passed the 24th day of February, 1810, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act further to provide for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The resolution requesting the state of Georgia to assent to the formation of two states of the Mississippi territory was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Reed,

Resolved, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Reed, Lambert, and German, be the committee.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit, for the information of Congress, copies of letters which have passed between the Secretary of State and the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Great Britain.

JAMES MADISON.

June 11, 1812.

The message and copies therein mentioned were read.

After the consideration of confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri."

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom the subject was recommitted for the purpose, reported a bill for the relief of James Wilkinson; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Clement B. Penrose," reported it without amendment; and,

On his motion,

The bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States;" and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the remission of forfeited recognizances within the District of Columbia," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 10th instant, approved and signed "An act to extend the time for exporting, with privilege of drawback, goods, wares, and merchandise, entitled thereto by law;" "An act for the relief of William Garrard;" also, "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments.'"

The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's island, and for other purposes."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a memorial, signed by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and a large number of others, inhabitants of Ann Arundel county, in the state of Maryland, deprecating the declaration of war with Great Britain, and stating their reasons at large against the measure; and the memorial was read.

After the consideration of confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that, on the 13th instant, they laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri."

Mr. Hunter, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Peck from his imprisonment," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Reed, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall," reported it without amendment.

The bill for the relief of James Wilkinson was read the second time.

Mr. Tait presented sundry resolutions, signed W. B. Bullock, chairman, adopted on the third instant, at a meeting of the citizens of Savannah and its vicinity, on the subject of our relations with Great Britain and France, and approbatory of the measures of the general government for the maintenance of our national rights.

Mr. Varnum presented the petition of Charles W. Goldsborough and others, praying a charter of incorporation to a company for the establishment of a bank in the city of Washington; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Varnum, Gregg, and Taylor, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the more perfect organization of the infantry of the army of the United States;" they ask a conference on the subject-matter thereof, and have appointed managers on their part. The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act confirming grants to land in the Mississippi territory, derived from the British government of West Florida, not subsequently regranted by the government of Spain or of the United States;" also, a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States;' in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," was read the second time.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit, for the information of Congress, copies of letters which have passed between the Secretary of State and the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Great Britain.

JAMES MADISON.

June 15, 1812.

The message and copies therein mentioned were read.

After the consideration of confidential business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1812.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory, founded on warrants of survey granted by the Spanish government," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the remission of forfeited recognizances within the District of Columbia;" also, the resolution requesting the state of Georgia to assent to the formation of two states of the Mississippi territory.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the district of Columbia," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Bayard, from the same committee, reported the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," with amendments.

The two bills brought up yesterday from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate took into consideration the resolution of the House of Representatives requesting a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, entitled "An act for the more perfect organization of the infantry of the army of the United States;" and, having agreed thereto,

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Anderson, and Varnum, be the managers on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Reed, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, one of the public reservations of ground in the City of Washington," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in October next.

Mr. Reed, from the same committee, reported the bill authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the City of Washington, without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Clement B. Penrose," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 13th instant, approved and signed "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the

territory of Missouri." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and a joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills and resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit, for the information of Congress, copies of a letter to the Secretary of State from the Charge des Affaires of the United States at London, accompanied by a letter from the latter to the British Minister of Foreign Affairs.

JAMES MADISON.

June 16, 1812.

The message and documents therein mentioned were read.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills and resolution last reported to have been examined.

The bill, entitled "An act confirming grants to lands in the Mississippi territory, derived from the British government of West Florida, not subsequently regranted by the government of Spain or of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Worthington, and Tait, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, German, and Reed, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of the public ground in the City of Washington; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

After the consideration of the confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Clement B. Penrose."

The bill yesterday brought up from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to Messrs. Reed, Brent, and Gilman, further to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Wash."

ington, in the District of Columbia," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee, and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," passed April 10th, 1812.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bayard, Smith, of Maryland, and Worthington, be the committee.

The injunction of secrecy thereon having been removed,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That twelve hundred copies of the confidential message of the President of the United States of the first of June instant, be printed for the use of the Senate.

After the consideration of the confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

Certain confidential proceedings of the Senate, since first June, are as follow, the injunction of secrecy having been removed:

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1812.

A confidential message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress certain documents, being a continuation of those heretofore laid before them, on the subject of our affairs with Great Britain.

* Without going back beyond the renewal, in 1803, of the war in which Great Britain is engaged, and omitting unrepaid wrongs of inferior magnitude, the conduct of her government presents a series of acts hostile to the United States as an independent and neutral nation.

British cruizers have been in the continued practice of violating the American flag on the great highway of nations, and of seizing and carrying off persons sailing under it; not in the exercise of a belligerent right, founded on the law of nations against an enemy, but of a municipal prerogative over British subjects. British jurisdiction is thus extended to neutral vessels, in a situation where no laws can operate but the law of nations, and the laws of the country to which the vessels belong; and a self redress is assumed, which, if British subjects were wrongfully detained and alone concerned, is that substitution of force for a resort to the responsible sovereign, which falls within the definition of war. Could the seizure of British subjects, in such cases, be regarded as within the exercise of a belligerent right, the acknowledged laws of war, which forbid an article of captured property to be adjudged without a regular investigation before a competent tribunal, would imperiously demand the fairest trial where the sacred rights of persons were at issue. In place of such a trial, these rights are subjected to the will of every petty commander.

The practice, hence, is so far from affecting British subjects alone, that, under the pretext of searching for these, thousands of American citizens, under the safeguard of public law, and of their national flag, have been torn from their country, and from every thing dear to them; have been dragged on board ships of war of a foreign nation, and exposed, under the severities of their discipline, to be exiled to the most distant

and deadly crimes, to risk their lives in the battles of their oppressors, and to be the melancholy instruments of taking away those of their own brethren.

Against this crying enormity, which Great Britain would be so prompt to avenge if committed against herself, the United States have in vain exhausted remonstrances and expostulations; and that no proof might be wanting of their conciliatory dispositions, and no pretext left for a continuance of the practice, the British government was formally assured of the readiness of the United States to enter into arrangements, such as could not be rejected if the recovery of British subjects were the real and the sole object. The communication passed without effect.

British cruisers have been in the practice also of violating the rights and the peace of our coasts. They hover over and harass our entering and departing commerce. To the most insulting pretensions, they have added the most lawless proceedings in our very harbors: and have wantonly spilt American blood within the sanctuary of our territorial jurisdiction. The principles and rules enforced by that nation when a neutral nation, against armed vessels of belligerents hovering near her coasts and disturbing her commerce, are well known. When called on, nevertheless, by the United States, to punish the greater offences committed by her own vessels, her government has bestowed on their commanders additional marks of honor and confidence.

Under pretended blockades, without the presence of an adequate force, and sometimes without the practicability of applying one, our commerce has been plundered in every sea; the great staples of our country have been cut off from their legitimate markets; and a destructive blow aimed at our agricultural and maritime interests. In aggravation of these predatory measures, they have been considered as in force from the dates of their notification; a retrospective effect being thus added, as has been done in other important cases, to the unlawfulness of the course pursued. And to render the outrage the more signal, these mock blockades have been reiterated and enforced in the face of official communications from the British government, declaring, as the true definition of a legal blockade, "that particular ports must be actually invested, and previous warning given to vessels bound to them, not to enter."

Not content with these occasional expedients for laying waste our neutral trade, the cabinet of Great Britain resorted, at length, to the sweeping system of blockades, under the name of orders in council; which has been moulded and managed as might best suit its political views, its commercial jealousies, or the avidity of British cruisers.

To our remonstrances against the complicated and transcendent injustice of this innovation, the first reply was, that the orders were reluctantly adopted by Great Britain as a necessary retaliation on decrees of her enemy, proclaiming a general blockade of the British isles at a time when the naval force of that enemy dared not to issue from his own ports. She was reminded, without effect, that her own prior blockades, unsupported by an adequate naval force actually applied and continued, were a bar to this plea: that executed edicts against millions of our property could not be retaliation on edicts confessedly impossible to be executed; that retaliation, to be just, should fall on the party setting the guilty example, not on an innocent party, which was not even chargeable with an acquiescence in it.

When deprived of this flimsy veil for a prohibition of our trade with her enemy, by the repeal of his prohibition of our trade with Great Britain, her cabinet, instead of a corresponding repeal, or a practical discontinuance of its orders, formally avowed a determination to persist in them against the United States, until the markets of her enemy should be laid open to British products; thus, asserting an obligation on a neutral power to require one belligerent to encourage, by its internal regulations, the trade of another belligerent; contradicting her own practice towards all nations, in peace as well as in war; and betraying the insincerity of those professions which inculcated a belief that, having resorted to her orders with regret, she was anxious to find an occasion for putting an end to them.

Abandoning, still more, all respect for the neutral rights of the United States, and for its own consistency, the British government now demands, as prerequisites to a repeal of its orders, as they relate to the United States, that a formality should be observed in the repeal of the French decrees, no wise necessary to their termination, nor exemplified by British usage; and that the French repeal, besides including that portion of the decrees which operate within a territorial jurisdiction, as well as that which operates on the high seas, against the commerce of the United States, should not be a single and special repeal in relation to the United States, but should be extended to whatever other neutral nations, unconnected with them, may be affected by those decrees. And, as an additional insult, they are called on for a formal disavowal of conditions and pretensions advanced by the French government, for which the United States are so far from having made themselves responsible, that, in official explanations, which have

been published to the world, and in a correspondence of the American Minister at London with the British Minister for Foreign Affairs, such a responsibility was explicitly and emphatically disclaimed.

It has become, indeed, sufficiently certain, that the commerce of the United States is to be sacrificed, not as interfering with the belligerent rights of Great Britain; not as supplying the wants of her enemies, which she herself supplies; but as interfering with the monopoly which she covets for her own commerce and navigation. She carries on a war against the lawful commerce of a friend, that she may the better carry on a commerce with an enemy; a commerce polluted by the forgeries and perjuries, which are, for the most part, the only passports by which it can succeed.

Anxious to make every experiment, short of the last resort of injured nations, the United States have withheld from Great Britain, under successive modifications, the benefits of a free intercourse with their market, the loss of which could not but outweigh the profits accruing from her restrictions of our commerce with other nations. And to entitle these experiments to the more favorable consideration, they were so framed as to enable her to place her adversary under the exclusive operation of them. To these appeals her government has been equally inflexible, as if willing to make sacrifices of every sort, rather than yield to the claims of justice, or renounce the errors of a false pride. Nay, so far were the attempts carried to overcome the attachment of the British cabinet to its unjust edicts, that it received every encouragement within the competency of the Executive branch of our government, to expect that a repeal of them would be followed by a war between the United States and France, unless the French edicts should also be repealed. Even this communication, although silencing forever the plea of a disposition in the United States to acquiesce in those edicts, originally the sole plea for them, received no attention.

If no other proof existed of a pre-determination of the British government against a repeal of its orders, it might be found in the correspondence of the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, at London, and the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in 1810, on the question whether the blockade of May, 1806, was considered as in force, or as not in force. It had been ascertained that the French government, which urged this blockade as the ground of its Berlin decree, was willing, in the event of its removal, to repeal that decree; which being followed by alternate repeals of the other offensive edicts, might abolish the whole system on both sides. This inviting opportunity for accomplishing an object so important to the United States, and professed so often to be the desire of both the belligerents, was made known to the British government. As that government admits that an actual application of an adequate force is necessary to the existence of a legal blockade, and it was notorious, that if such a force had ever been applied, its long discontinuance had annulled the blockade in question, there could be no sufficient objection on the part of Great Britain to a formal revocation of it; and no imaginable objection to a declaration of the fact, that the blockade did not exist. The declaration would have been consistent with her avowed principles of blockade; and would have enabled the United States to demand from France the pledged repeal of her decrees; either with success, in which case the way would have been opened for a general repeal of the belligerent edicts; or without success, in which case the United States would have been justified in turning their measures exclusively against France. The British government would, however, neither rescind the blockade, nor declare its non-existence; nor permit its non-existence to be inferred and affirmed by the American plenipotentiary. On the contrary, by representing the blockade to be comprehended in the orders in council, the United States were compelled so to regard it, in their subsequent proceedings.

There was a period when a favorable change in the policy of the British cabinet was justly considered as established. The Minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty here proposed an adjustment of the differences more immediately endangering the harmony of the two countries. The proposition was accepted with the promptitude and cordiality, corresponding with the invariable professions of this government. A foundation appeared to be laid for a sincere and lasting reconciliation. The prospect, however, quickly vanished. The whole proceeding was disavowed by the British government without any explanations, which could, at that time, repress the belief, that the disavowal proceeded from a spirit of hostility to the commercial rights and prosperity of the United States. And it has since come into proof that at the very moment, when the public minister was holding the language of friendship, and inspiring confidence in the sincerity of the negotiation with which he was charged, a secret agent of his government was employed in intrigues, having for their object a subversion of our government, and a dismemberment of our happy Union.

In reviewing the conduct of Great Britain towards the United States, our attention

is necessarily drawn to the warfare just renewed by the savages on one of our extensive frontiers; a warfare which is known to spare neither age nor sex, and to be distinguished by features peculiarly shocking to humanity. It is difficult to account for the activity and combinations which have for some time been developing themselves among tribes in constant intercourse with British traders and garrisons, without connecting their hostility with that influence, and without recollecting the authenticated examples of such interpositions, heretofore furnished by the officers and agents of that government.

Such is the spectacle of injuries and indignities which have been heaped on our country; and such the crisis which its unexampled forbearance and conciliatory efforts have not been able to avert. It might at least have been expected that an enlightened nation, if less urged by moral obligations, or invited by friendly dispositions on the part of the United States, would have found, in its true interest alone, a sufficient motive to respect their rights and their tranquillity on the high seas; that an enlarged policy would have favored that free and general circulation of commerce in which the British nation is at all times interested, and which, in times war, is the best alleviation of its calamities to herself, as well as to other belligerents; and, more especially, that the British cabinet would not, for the sake of a precarious and surreptitious intercourse with hostile markets, have persevered in a course of measures, which necessarily put at hazard the invaluable market of a great and growing country, disposed to cultivate the mutual advantages of an active commerce.

Other counsels have prevailed. Our moderation and conciliation have had no other effect than to encourage perseverance and to enlarge pretensions. We behold our seafaring citizens still the daily victims of lawless violence, committed on the great common and highway of nations, even within sight of the country which owes them protection. We behold our vessels, freighted with the products of our soil and industry, or returning with the honest proceeds of them, wrested from their lawful destinations, confiscated by prize courts, no longer the organs of public law, but the instruments of arbitrary edicts, and their unfortunate crews dispersed and lost, or forced or inveigled in British ports into British fleets; whilst arguments are employed in support of these aggressions, which have no foundation but in a principle equally supporting a claim to regulate our external commerce in all cases whatsoever.

We behold, in fine, on the side of Great Britain, a state of war against the United States; and on the side of the United States, a state of peace towards Great Britain.

Whether the United States shall continue passive under these progressive usurpations, and these accumulating wrongs; or, opposing force to force in defence of their national rights, shall commit a just cause into the hands of the Almighty Disposer of events, avoiding all connections which might entangle it in the contests or views of other powers, and preserving a constant readiness to concur in an honorable re-establishment of peace and friendship, is a solemn question, which the constitution wisely confides to the legislative department of the government. In recommending it to their early deliberations, I am happy in the assurance, that the decision will be worthy the enlightened and patriotic councils of a virtuous, a free, and a powerful nation.

Having presented this view of the relations of the United States with Great Britain, and of the solemn alternative growing out of them, I proceed to remark that the communications last made to Congress on the subject of our relations with France, will have shown, that, since the revocation of her decrees, as they violated the neutral rights of the United States, her government has authorized illegal captures by its privateers and public ships; and that other outrages have been practised on our vessels and our citizens. It will have been seen, also, that no indemnity had been provided, or satisfactorily pledged, for the extensive spoliations committed under the violent and retrospective orders of the French government against the property of our citizens seized within the jurisdiction of France. I abstain, at this time, from recommending to the consideration of Congress definitive measures with respect to that nation, in the expectation, that the result of unclosed discussions between our minister plenipotentiary at Paris and the French government, will speedily enable Congress to decide, with greater advantage, on the course due to the rights, the interests, and the honor, of our country.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, June 1, 1812.

The message and documents therein referred to were read. And,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That they be referred to a select committee, to consist of seven members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Smith, of Maryland, Leib, Campbell, of Tennessee, Howell, Lloyd, and Taylor, be the committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1812.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the confidential message of the President of the United States, of the 1st instant, be printed for the use of the Senate, under an injunction of secrecy.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1812.

A confidential message was received from the House of Representatives, by Messrs. Macon and Findley, two of their members; Mr. Macon, chairman:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act declaring war between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories;" in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate; and request that the bill be considered confidentially. And they withdrew.

An act declaring war between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That war be, and the same is hereby, declared to exist between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories; and that the President of the United States is hereby authorized to use the whole land and naval force of the United States to carry the same into effect; and to issue to private armed vessels of the United States, commissions, or letters of marque and general reprisal, in such form as he shall think proper, and under the seal of the United States, against the vessels, goods, and effects, of the government of Great Britain, of its subjects, and of all persons inhabiting within any of its territories or possessions.

On motion,

The bill was twice read by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed the first instant on the confidential message of the President of the United States of the same date, to consider and report thereon.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1812.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act declaring war between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories," reported the bill with amendments.

The committee also reported sundry communications, confidentially made to them, from the Treasury and War Departments on the subject.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That the Secretary furnish copies of the said communications to such Senators as may require them.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1812.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The bill, entitled "An act declaring war between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories," was considered as in committee of the whole. Mr. Gaillard was requested to take the chair; and, after debate,

A motion was made, by Mr. Gregg, that the bill be recommitted, for further amendment, to the committee who have under consideration the message of the President of the United States of the first June.

And, after debate, the President resumed the chair, and the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1812.

Mr. Gaillard was requested to take the chair.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act declaring war between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories;" and,

Mr. Gregg, by permission, amended his motion for recommitting the bill to the committee appointed on the confidential message of the President of the United States, of the first June, as follows:

And, after debate, the President resumed the chair, and the Senate adjourned.

“The President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized, from and after the — day of — next ensuing, to cause reprisals to be made upon the public and private ships and vessels, goods, and merchandisc, belonging to the crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the subjects thereof, which may be found on the high seas or elsewhere, after the said — day of — next, excepting

such ships, vessels, or property, as now are, or may, before the said — day of — next, be, within the ports and harbors, or under the control, of the United States, and all ships, vessels, or property, within the jurisdiction of any power with whom the United States are not engaged in war; and, for the purposes aforesaid, to instruct the commanders of the public armed vessels which are or which shall be employed in the service of the United States, to subdue, seize, and take, any armed or other British vessel, belonging to the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the subjects thereof, which shall be found within the jurisdictional limits of the United States, or elsewhere, on the high seas as aforesaid. And such captured vessel, with her apparel, guns, and appurtenances, and the goods or effects which shall be found on board the same, being British property, shall be brought within some port of the United States, and shall be duly proceeded against and condemned as forfeited, and shall accrue and be distributed as by law is or shall be provided, respecting the captures which shall be made by the public armed vessels of the United States.

“SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant, to the owners of private armed ships and vessels of the United States, who shall make application therefor, commissions, in the form which he shall direct, and under the seal of the United States; and such private armed vessels, when duly commissioned as aforesaid, shall have the same license, and authority for the subduing, seizing, and capturing any armed or other British vessel belonging to the crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the subjects thereof, and for the recapturing of the vessels, goods, and effects, of the people of the United States, as the public armed vessels of the United States by law have, and shall be in like manner subject to such instructions as shall be ordered by the President of the United States, in conformity with the established law of nations, and the treaties and laws of the United States, for the regulation of their conduct; and the commissions which shall be granted as aforesaid shall be revocable at the pleasure of the President of the United States.

“SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every person intending to set forth and employ an armed vessel, and applying for the commission as aforesaid, shall produce, in writing, the name, and a suitable description of the tonnage and force, of the vessel, and the name and place of residence of each owner concerned therein, the number of the crew, and the name of the commander and the two officers next in rank appointed for such vessel; which writing shall be signed by the person or persons making such application, and filed with the Secretary of State, or shall be delivered to any other officer or person who shall be employed to deliver out such commissions, to be by him transmitted to the Secretary of State.

“SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, before any commission as aforesaid shall be issued, the owner or owners of the ship or vessel for which the same shall be requested, and the commander thereof for the time being, shall give bond to the United States, with at least two responsible sureties, not interested in such vessel, in the penal sum of — thousand dollars; or, if such vessel be provided with more than one hundred and fifty men, then in the penal sum of — thousand dollars, with condition that the owners, and officers, and crews, who shall be employed on board of such commissioned vessels, shall and will observe the treaties and laws of the United States, and the instructions which shall be given them as aforesaid for the regulation of their conduct, and will satisfy all damages and injuries which shall be done or committed contrary to the tenor thereof by such vessel, during her commission, and to deliver up the same when revoked by the President of the United States.

“SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all public and private ships and vessels, goods, and merchandise, belonging to the crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the subjects thereof, together with their apparel, guns, and appurtenances, which shall be found on board the same, being British property, and which shall be captured by any private armed vessel or vessels of the United States, duly commissioned as aforesaid, shall be forfeited, and shall accrue to the owners thereof and the officers and crews by whom such capture shall be made, and, on due condemnation had, shall be distributed according to any agreement which shall be between them, or, in failure of such agreement, then by the discretion of the court before whom such condemnation shall be.

“SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all vessels, goods, and effects, the property of any citizen of the United States, or person resident therein, which shall be recaptured as aforesaid, shall be restored to the lawful owners upon payment by them respectively of a just and reasonable salvage, to be determined by the mutual agreement of the parties concerned, or by the decree of any court of the United States having maritime jurisdiction, according to the nature of each case: provided, that such allowance

“ SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That, before breaking bulk of any vessel which shall be captured as aforesaid, or other disposal or conversion thereof, or of any articles which shall be found on board the same, such capture shall be brought into some port of the United States, and shall be libelled and proceeded against before the district court of the same district; and if, after a due course of proceeding, such capture shall be decreed as forfeited in the district court, or in the circuit court of the same district in the case of any appeal duly allowed, the same shall be delivered to the owners and captors concerned therein, or shall be publicly sold by the marshal of the same court, as shall be finally decreed and ordered by the court. And the same court, who shall have final jurisdiction of any libel or complaint of any capture as aforesaid, shall and may decree restitution in whole or in part, when the capture and restraint shall have been made without just cause as aforesaid; and if made without probable cause, or otherwise unreasonably, may order and decree damages and costs to the party injured, and for which the owners, officers, and crews, of the private armed vessel or vessels by which such unjust capture shall have been made, and, also, such vessel or vessels, shall be answerable and liable.

Amend the title, after the word "act," strike out the rest of the title, and insert, "authorizing reprisals against the crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the subjects thereof," and the report was read. Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Pope,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 15,
Nays 17.

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Messrs. Bayard, Condit, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, and Worthington.

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

The yeas were 16, and the nays 16.

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Messrs. Bayard, Condit, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Reed, Smith, of New York, and Worthington.

Messrs Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

So, the Senate being equally divided, the question was lost, and the original bill was resumed.

On motion,

To agree to the first report of the select committee, and strike out of the original bill, line 9, the words "and of all persons inhabiting within its territories or possessions:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 21,
Nays 11.

On motion,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Condit, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, and Turner.

On motion,

It was also agreed to insert the word "and," in the 9th line, after the word "Britain."

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1812.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted yesterday by Mr. Lloyd; and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 14,
Nays 17.

On motion, by Mr. Goodrich,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Howell, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Mr. Gaillard was requested to take the chair; and,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The consideration of the bill, entitled "An act declaring war between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories," was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and having agreed to sundry amendments, the President resumed the chair; and

Mr. Gaillard reported the bill with amendments, which were considered in Senate and agreed to, as follows:

Third line, after the word "between," strike out to the end of the line, and insert, "the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dependencies thereof."

Line 4, after the word "states," where it first occurs, insert, "of America."

Line 9, after the word "Britain," strike out to the end of the bill, and insert, "the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the subjects thereof."

A motion was made by Mr. German,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill to the first Monday in November next; and, after debate,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1812.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act declaring war between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories," together with the motion made by Mr. German to postpone the further consideration thereof until the first Monday in November next:

And, on the question to agree to the motion,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 10,
Nays 22.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, and Reed.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

To amend the bill, as follows:

"After the word 'that,' in the third line, strike out to the end of the bill, and insert: "the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause reprisals to be made upon the public and private ships and vessels, goods, and merchandise, belonging to the crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the subjects thereof, which may be found on the high seas or elsewhere, excepting such ships, vessels, or property, as now are, or may be, within the ports and harbors, or under the control, of the United States, and all ships, vessels, or property, within the jurisdiction of any power with whom the United States are not engaged in war; and for the purposes aforesaid to instruct the commanders of the public armed vessels which are or which shall be employed in the service of the United States to subdue, seize, and take, any armed or other British vessel, belonging to the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the subjects thereof, which shall be found within the jurisdictional limits of the United States or elsewhere on the high seas as aforesaid: and such captured vessel, with her apparel, guns, and appurtenances, and the goods or effects which shall be found on board the same, being British property, shall be brought within some port of the United States, and shall be duly proceeded against and condemned as forfeited, and shall accrue and be distributed as by law is or shall be provided respecting the captures which shall be made by the public armed vessels of the United States.

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant, to the owners of private armed ships and vessels of the United States, who shall make application therefor, commissions, in the form which he shall direct, and under the seal of the United States; and such private armed vessels, when duly commissioned as aforesaid, shall have the same licence and authority for the subduing, seizing, and capturing any armed or other British vessel belonging to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the subjects thereof, and for the recapture of the vessels, goods, and effects, of the people of the United States, as the public armed vessels of the United States may by law have; and shall be, in like manner, subject to such instructions as shall be ordered by the President of the United States, in conformity with the established law of nations, and the treaties and laws of the United States, for the regulation of their conduct: and the commissions which shall be granted as aforesaid shall be revocable at the pleasure of the President of the United States.

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every person intending to set forth and employ an armed vessel, and applying for a commission as aforesaid, shall produce, in writing, the name, and a suitable description of the tonnage and force, of the vessel, and the name and place of residence of each owner concerned therein, the number of the crew, and the name of the commander and the two officers next in rank, appointed for such vessel; which writing shall be signed by the person or persons making such application, and filed with the Secretary of State, or shall be delivered to any other officer or person who shall be employed to deliver out such commissions, to be by him transmitted to the Secretary of State.

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, before any commission as aforesaid shall be issued, the owner or owners of the ship or vessel for which the same shall be requested, and the commander thereof, for the time being, shall give bond to the United States, with at least two responsible sureties, not interested in such vessel, in the penal sum of ——— thousand dollars; or, if such vessel be provided with more than one hundred and fifty men, then in the penal sum of ——— thousand dollars; with condition that the owners and officers and crews who shall be employed on board of such commissioned vessel shall and will observe the treaties and laws of the United States, and the instructions which shall be given them for the regulation of their conduct; and will satisfy all damages and injuries which shall be done or committed contrary to the tenor thereof by such vessel during her commission, and to deliver up the same when revoked by the President of the United States.

"SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all public and private ships and vessels, goods, and merchandise, belonging to the crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the subjects thereof, together with their apparel, guns, and appurtenances, and any goods or effects which shall be found on board the same, being

British property, and which shall be captured by any private armed vessel or vessels of the United States, duly commissioned as aforesaid, shall be forfeited, and shall accrue to the owners thereof and the officers and crews by whom such capture shall be made; and, on due condemnation had, shall be distributed according to any agreement which shall be between them, or, in failure of such agreement, then by the discretion of the court before whom such condemnation shall be.

“SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That all vessels, goods, and effects, the property of any citizen of the United States, or person resident therein, which shall be recaptured as aforesaid, shall be restored to the lawful owners, upon payment by them, respectively, of a just and reasonable salvage, to be determined by the mutual agreement of the parties concerned, or by the decree of any court of the United States having maritime jurisdiction, according to the nature of each case: *Provided,* That such allowance shall not be less than one eighth, or exceeding one half, of the full value of such recapture, without any deduction. And such salvage shall be distributed to and among the owners, officers, and crews, of the private armed vessel or vessels entitled thereto, according to any agreement which shall be between them; or, in case of no agreement, then by the decree of the court who shall determine upon such salvage.

“SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That, before breaking bulk of any vessel which shall be captured as aforesaid, or other disposal or conversion thereof, or of any articles which shall be found on board the same, such capture shall be brought into some port of the United States, and shall be libelled and proceeded against before the district court of the same district; and if, after a due course of proceedings, such capture shall be decreed as forfeited in the district court, or in the circuit court of the same district, in the case of any appeal duly allowed, the same shall be delivered to the owners and captors concerned therein, or shall be publicly sold by the marshal of the same court, as shall be finally decreed and ordered by the court; and the same court which shall have final jurisdiction of any libel or complaint of any capture as aforesaid, shall and may decree restitution, in whole or in part, when the capture and restraint shall have been made without just cause as aforesaid; and, if made without probable cause, or otherwise unreasonably, may order and decree damages and costs to the party injured, and for which the owners, officers, and crews, of the private armed vessel or vessels, by which such unjust capture shall have been made, and also such vessel or vessels, shall be answerable and liable.

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“ SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That all British subjects and others who shall be found acting on board any British vessel which shall be captured, or on board of any vessel of the United States which shall be recaptured as aforesaid, shall be reported to the collector of the port in which they shall first arrive, and shall be delivered to the custody of the marshal, or some civil or military officer of the United States, or of any state, in or near such port, who shall receive and take into custody the said subjects or persons for their safe-keeping and support, at the expense of the United States.

“ *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the ——— day of ——— next,

persons for their safe-keeping and support, at the expense of the United States.

"SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the ——— day of ——— next, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ the naval force of the United States to make reprisals upon the public and private armed vessels, goods, and merchandise, belonging to the Emperor of France and King of Italy, or his subjects, which may be found on the high seas and elsewhere, and to issue letters of marque and reprisal to the private armed ships or vessels of the United States against the vessels, subjects, and property, of the said Emperor of France and King of Italy, under the provisions and limitations contained in this act in respect to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; if, on or before the said ——— day of ———, the said Emperor of France and King of Italy shall not give to the President of the United States satisfactory and unequivocal evidence of the repeal of the Berlin and Milan decrees, so far as they relate to the neutral commerce of the United States."

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

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To strike out the ninth section of the proposed amendment:

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It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	14,
	{ Nays	18.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

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The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
The yeas and nays are—

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin,
Gaillard, Giles, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Bayard, Condit, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Howell,
Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York,
and Worthington.

On the question, to strike out the original bill after the word "that," as proposed by Mr. Leib:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 15,
Nays 17.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Bayard, Condit, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Reed, and Worthington.
Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,
To amend the original bill, by inserting, after the word "that," in the third line, the words "from and after the — day of — next:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 13,
Nays 19.

On motion, by Mr. Goodrich,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Bayard, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, and Smith, of Maryland.
Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Howell, Reed, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

On the question, Shall this bill pass to a third reading as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 19,
Nays 13.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Giles, Gregg, Leib, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.
Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Bayard, Dana, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, and Worthington.

On motion,
That the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 18,
Nays 14.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Bayard, Condit, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Howell, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.

So the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1812.

The amendments to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act declaring war between Great Britain and her dependencies, and the United States and their territories," were reported by the committee correctly engrossed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill to the thirty-first day of October next,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 11,
Nays 21.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,
The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

A message from the House of Representatives, by Messrs. Macon and Findley, two of their members; Mr. Macon, chairman:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act declaring war between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the dependencies thereof, and the United States of America and their territories." And they withdrew.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill last mentioned.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Messrs. Crawford and Turner, the committee on the part of the House of Representatives for enrolled bills; Mr. Crawford, chairman:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, we are directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And they withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill last mentioned, and that the President of the United States informed the committee that he had this day approved and signed the same.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy, in relation to the confidential message of the President of the United States of the 1st instant, and, also, in relation to the private and confidential proceedings of the Senate since that date, be removed.

[End of the confidential proceedings.]

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1812.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Peck from his imprisonment;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing of Treasury notes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Campbell, of Tennessee, Bayard, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States,'" reported it amended.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the Senate such information as he may possess respecting the hostile or friendly movements and intentions of the Indians towards the United States, subsequent to the battle of Tippecanoe.

The bill for the relief of James Wilkinson was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and, after debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1812.

On request, Mr. Gregg had leave of absence after Wednesday next.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Clark, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States,'" together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, after debate,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States,'" passed April 10, 1812, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in October next,

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 10, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 19. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Bibb, Crawford, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Smith, of New York, Taylor, and Turner.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bradley, Condit, Cutts, Dana, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, Tait, Varnum, and Worthington.

And having agreed to the reported amendment with amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read the third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Peck from his imprisonment," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the 6th of December last, the memorial of the president and managers of the Union Canal Company of Pennsylvania, also, on the 24th, the memorial of Gouverneur Morris and others, be discharged.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Clement B. Penrose."

On motion,

After the consideration of confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1812.

Mr. Bradley presented five memorials of the citizens of Vermont, deprecating a war with England, and praying the removal of the commercial restrictive system; and the memorials were read.

Mr. Gregg presented fourteen memorials of six hundred citizens of Cumberland county, in the state of Pennsylvania, to the same purpose.

Mr. Lambert presented the petition of a large number of citizens of the state of New Jersey, to the same purpose; which was read.

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," passed April 10th, 1812, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Leib submitted the following motion:

"That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the House of Representatives, if the House should think proper to appoint a committee, to examine and report what business is necessary to be done during the present session; at what time the two Houses ought to adjourn; and to what time Congress should stand adjourned;" and the motion was read.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," was read the second time.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson, Bradley, and Franklin, be the committee.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act confirming grants to lands in the Mississippi territory, derived from the British government of West Florida, not subsequently regranted by the government of Spain or the United States," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Worthington, from the managers at the conference on the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," made report.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Senate so far recede from their amendments to the bill above mentioned, as that they concur in the amendments as modified by the committee of conference, and agree that the bill be so amended.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill for the relief of James Wilkinson was resumed, as in committee of the whole, and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and, after debate,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 17th instant, approved and signed "An act authorizing the remission of forfeited recognizances within the District of Columbia;" "An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac, around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes;" also, a resolution requesting the state of Georgia to assent to the formation of two states of the Mississippi territory. The House of Representatives recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment," and agree to the amendments as modified by the managers at the conference thereon. They have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods;" also, a bill, entitled "An act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of public lands, sold in the western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The bill concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods, was read the second time by consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Taylor, Anderson, Varnum, Cutts, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing of Treasury notes," reported it with an amendment.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress copies of a letter to the Secretary of State from the Charge d'Affaires of the United States at London, and of a note to him from the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

JAMES MADISON.

June 22, 1812.

The message and copies therein mentioned were read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory, founded on warrants of survey granted by the Spanish government," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of the confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1812.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory, founded on warrants of survey granted by the Spanish government," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Peck from his imprisonment;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. They have passed a bill, entitled "An act imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place, and for other purposes," in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. The President of the United States, on the 20th instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief of Clement B. Penrose." And he withdrew.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act concerning the levy court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia," be postponed to the first Monday in December next."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Goodrich, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Anna Young, heiress and representative of Colonel John Durkee, deceased," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of discharging all the outstanding claims for the construction and repair of the Capitol and the President's House, for the compensation of the late Surveyor of the Public Buildings, and for furniture for the different apartments of the Capitol, and for other purposes," reported it with amendments.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted yesterday, by Mr. Leib, for appointing a joint committee to examine and report what business is necessary to be done during the present session; and, having agreed thereto,

Ordered, That Messrs. Leib, Lloyd, Bayard, Condit and Taylor, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of public lands sold in the western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Tait, Bibb, and Franklin, be the committee.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods," reported it with amendments, which were read and considered as in committee of the whole; and, having agreed thereto in part, and further amended the bill, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods," were reported by the committee correctly engrossed, and the bill was read the third time as amended, and further amended by unanimous consent.

On the question, Shall this bill pass as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative,

{ Yeas	22,
{ Nays	5.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Franklin, Gaillard, Gilman, Gregg, Howell, Leib, Pope, Reed, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Dana, Goodrich, Hunter, Lambert, and Lloyd.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Anderson submitted the following motion for consideration:

“Whereas the United States of America, notwithstanding the pacific disposition which has been so distinguishingly evinced by them towards all the nations of the world, have, nevertheless, been compelled to resort to arms for the maintenance and protection of those rights which have been achieved by the blood of their fathers; and, although they have a just confidence in the strength of their government, and in the vigor of their own arm, yet, being taught by Holy Writ, to which they bow with all due reverence and submission, “that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but of the Lord who willeth and doeth:” And it being at all times our indispensable duty devoutly to acknowledge the superintending Providence of Almighty God, especially in times of impending danger and public calamity, to reverence and adore his immutable justice, as well as to implore his merciful interposition for the prosperity of the nation: Therefore,

“Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a joint committee of both Houses wait on the President of the United States and request that he will recommend to the people of the United States a day of public humiliation and prayer, to be observed by supplicating Almighty God for the safety and welfare of these states, and for the success of their arms.”

And the motion was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the resolution passed by the Senate, for the appointment of a joint committee to examine and report what business is necessary to be done during the present session, and have appointed a committee on their part.

The House of Representatives recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the more perfect organization of the army of the United States," and concur therein. And he withdrew.

The bill, entitled "An act for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Campbell, of Tennessee, and Lloyd, be the committee.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Tait, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of public lands in the western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Reed, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington, reported it with an amendment.

The bill for the relief of James Wilkinson was resumed, as in committee of the whole, and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and the bill having been amended, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported the bill with an amendment, which was considered in Senate and agreed to.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, gave notice that to-morrow he should ask leave to bring in a bill supplementary to the act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes," was resumed as in committee of the whole;

And, after debate, and the consideration of confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1812.

The bill for the relief of James Wilkinson having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of James Wilkinson."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain and establish the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment."

The President communicated a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, enclosing a report of the land commissioners at St. Louis, relative to the lead mines, in obedience to a provision contained in the sixth section of an act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the territory of Orleans and the district of Louisiana. And the letter and report were read.

The motion made yesterday respecting a day of public humiliation and prayer was read the second time; and,

On the question, Shall it be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

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It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 23,
Nays 8.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Franklin, and Bradley, be the committee.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

After the consideration of the confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1812.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the bill supplementary to the act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States, reported it with amendments, which were considered as in committee of the whole, and agreed to; and the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia."

The President communicated the petition of the mayor, aldermen, and inhabitants, of New Orleans, praying the extension of a certain street in that city through the property of the United States upon certain conditions; and the petition was read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The President of the United States, on the 24th instant, approved and signed "An act to amend the laws within the district of Columbia;" "An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall;" also, "An act authorizing the discharge of William Peck from his imprisonment;" and, on the 26th instant, "An act for the more perfect organization of the army of the United States;" "An act concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods;" also, "An act to ascertain the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment." The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory, founded on warrants of survey granted by the Spanish government;" also, in the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing of Treasury notes." They do not concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States.'" And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments to the bill last mentioned, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

That they recede from their amendments to the said bill,

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 8,} \\ \text{Nays 18.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Gilman,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bayard, Campbell, of Tennessee, Pope, Robinson, Taylor, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bradley. Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Gregg, Hunter, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, and Tait.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Resolved, That the Senate adhere to their amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Leib submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to pay to Henry B. Joy, Henry Miller, and Tobias Simpson, fifty dollars each, as an additional compensation for their services during the present session.

Mr. Gregg presented fifteen memorials of a large number of citizens of Cumberland county, in the state of Pennsylvania, deprecating a war with England, and praying the removal of the commercial restrictive system.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting a day of public humiliation and prayer, reported it amended; and it was considered as in committee of the whole, and agreed to.

On the question, Shall it be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," reported it with amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of discharging all the outstanding claims for the construction and repair of the Capitol and the President's House; for the compensation of the late Surveyor of the Public Buildings; and for furniture for the different apartments of the Capitol, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and Mr. Gregg was requested to take the chair; and having agreed to the report,

The President resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported the bill with amendments, and it was agreed that the bill be amended accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of public lands in the western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana;" and no amendment having been proposed,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Anna Young, heiress and representative of Colonel John Durkee, deceased," was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been proposed,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Dana made a report from the committee on the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of Washington College."

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Gregg,

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Colonel Jonathan Williams," be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of the confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory founded on warrants of survey granted by the Spanish government;" also, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing of Treasury notes."

The resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to pay Henry Miller and others fifty dollars each, was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have passed the bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia.'" They have also passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of ground in the city of Washington," with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for imposing additional duties on all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and Mr. Gaillard was requested to take the chair.

On the question to agree to the following amendment.

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the first and second sections of the act, entitled "An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," passed the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seven, be, and the same are hereby, repealed:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 13,
Nays 17.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Bradley, Condit, Cutts, German, Giles, Gilman, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Crawford, Dana, Franklin, Gaillard, Goodrich, Howell, Hunter, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

On the question, to agree to the following amendment:

To strike out "one hundred," section 1, line 3:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 13,
Nays 19.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, and Smith, of Maryland.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bradley, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Howell, Leib, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed,

To strike out the words "passing of this act," section 1, line 7:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 15,
Nays 17.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Brent, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Lloyd, Pope, Reed, Smith, of Maryland, and Smith, of New York.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bradley, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Howell, Leib, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

And having disagreed to the report of the select committee, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Gaillard reported the bill to the House without amendment.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 22,
Nays 10.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bradley, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Howell, Lambert, Leib, Pope, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Worthington.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bayard, Dana, German, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Hunter, Lloyd, and Reed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have postponed, to the first Monday in November next, the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the sale of the reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio, and to distribute certain copies of the land laws." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to compensate for his services the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting as such when the office of Vice President of the United States shall be vacant;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to facilitate the transfer of stock created under an act passed on the 10th of November, one thousand

eight hundred and three;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. They have also passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of James Wilkinson." And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia;" the enrolled bill, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory founded on warrants of survey granted by the Spanish government;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing of Treasury notes;" and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Wilkinson;" also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia."

The President communicated a letter, signed William Duane, with a treatise on military tactics; and the letter was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the President be requested to acknowledge the receipt of the "Hand Book for Infantry," from William Duane.

Mr. Lloyd presented the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Salem, in the state of Massachusetts, deprecating a war with Great Britain, and representing it peculiarly calamitous to them, in the exposed situation of their commerce; and the memorial was read.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the Department of War, on the memorial of the citizens of New Castle, in the state of Delaware, and its vicinity, referred to him on the 26th instant; and the report was read.

The President communicated a statement of the proceedings of the citizens of New York, signed Henry Rutgers, chairman, approving the measures of the government at this eventful crisis; which was read.

Mr. Tait presented a copy of the resolutions entered into by the citizens of Milledgeville and its vicinity, in the state of Georgia, expressing their confidence in the national councils, and their determination to support the measures of government; which was read.

The bill, entitled "An act to facilitate the transfer of stock created under an act passed the 10th of November, 1803," was read three times by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act to compensate for his services the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting as such when the office of Vice President of the United States shall be vacant," was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill supplementary to the act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time and amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act respecting the pay of the army of the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of public land in the western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Anna Young, heiress and representative of Colonel John Durkee, deceased," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation and prayer, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of discharging all the outstanding claims for the construction and repair of the

Capitol and the President's house, for the compensation of the late surveyor of the public buildings, and for furniture for the different apartments of the Capitol, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee, and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair, and the amendments having been agreed to,

The President resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported the bill with amendments, which were considered in the Senate and agreed to.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate took into consideration the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington; and,

On motion,

Resolved, That they do not concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the resolution to authorize the Secretary of the Senate to pay Henry B. Joy, and others, fifty dollars each, as an additional compensation for their services during the present session.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

With a view the better to adapt to the public service the volunteer force contemplated by the act passed on the sixth day of February, I recommend to the consideration of Congress the expediency of making the requisite provision for the officers thereof being commissioned by the authority of the United States.

Considering the distribution of the military forces of the United States required by the circumstances of our country, I recommend also to the consideration of Congress the expediency of providing for the appointment of an additional number of general officers, and of deputies in the adjutant's, quartermaster's, inspector's, and paymaster's departments of the army, and for the employment, in cases of emergency, of additional engineers.

JAMES MADISON.

June 30, 1812.

The message was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of Maryland, Anderson, and Giles, be the committee.

After the consideration of the confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1812.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have postponed indefinitely the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States,' passed on the tenth day of April, 1812."

They recede from their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington."

They disagree to the first amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of discharging all the outstanding claims for the construction and repair of the Capitol and President's house; for the compensation of the late surveyor of the public buildings; and for furniture for the different apartments of the Capitol, and for other purposes," and agree to the other amendment with an amendment.

They have passed the joint resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation and prayer, and have appointed a committee on their part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed five enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment to the bill making appropriations respecting the capitol, mentioned as disagreed to by the House of Representatives in the last message:

Whereupon,

Resolved, That they recede from their first amendment, and agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the other amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States;'" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Anna Young, heiress and representative of Colonel John Durkee, deceased;" the bill, entitled "An act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of public lands in the western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to facilitate the transfer of stock created under an act passed on the 10th November, 1803."

The President signed the five enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Leib, from the joint committee appointed on the part of the Senate on the subject, reported a resolution authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective Houses on the 6th day of July instant.

And the resolution was read

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

He also asked and obtained leave to report a bill fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act giving further time to purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Franklin, and Bradley, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to compensate for his services the President, pro tempore, of the Senate, acting as such when the office of Vice President of the United States shall be vacant," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of New York,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, of New York, Bayard, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the 20th November last, the memorial of the representatives of the religious society of Friends, of the yearly meeting held at Baltimore, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The resolution submitted on the 27th of June was read a third time and passed, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to pay to Henry B. Joy, Henry Miller, and Tobias Simpson, fifty dollars each, as an additional compensation for their services during the present session.

The bill, entitled "An act confirming grants to lands in the Mississippi territory, derived from the British government of West Florida, not subsequently regranted by the British government, of Spain, or of the United States," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress;" also, a joint resolution authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective Houses on Monday, the 6th day of July instant. And he withdrew.

The bill and resolution last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the seven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington;" also, the joint resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation and prayer.

After the consideration of the confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1812.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio, to complete their payments," reported it without amendment.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress," was read the second time.

The joint resolution, from the House of Representatives, authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective Houses, was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 30th June, approved and signed "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes;" also, "An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory, founded on warrants of survey granted by the British or Spanish governments;" and, on the 1st instant, "An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts heretofore passed on the subject of a uniform rule of naturalization;" a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act respecting alien enemies,'" also, a bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of the maritime frontier, and for the support of the navy of the United States;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The President also signed the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to Mr. Anderson, chairman of the joint committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 1st instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief of James Wilkinson;" also, "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia.'"

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 30th June, the message of the President of the United States of that date, reported a bill supple-

mentary to the act, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps;" and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of the confidential and Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1812.

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act respecting alien enemies,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bibb, Bradley, and Bayard, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of the maritime frontier, and for the support of the navy of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Franklin,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Franklin, Lloyd, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

Mr. Bradley presented the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Waterford, in the state of Vermont, deprecating a war with England, and praying the removal of the commercial restrictive system.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the first instant, approved and signed "An act for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place; and for other purposes;" "An act to facilitate the transfer of the stock created under an act passed on the 10th of November, 1803;" "An act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of public lands sold in the western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana;" "An act for the relief of Anna Young, heiress and representative of Colonel John Durkee, deceased;" also, "An act supplementary to 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States.'" The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to prohibit American vessels from proceeding to, or trading with, the enemies of the United States, and for other purposes;" and a bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the military establishment and for the Indian department for the year 1812;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. They have also passed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to admit the entry of vessels of the United States on certain conditions." And he withdrew.

The two bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts heretofore passed on the subject of an uniform rule of naturalization," was read the second time.

The joint resolution which originated in the House of Representatives, authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective Houses on Monday the 6th of July, was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act giving further time to purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments,'" and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and, after debate,

The President resumed the chair; and Mr. Varnum reported the bill without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. German,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in November next,

It was determined in the negative; and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill which originated in the House of Representatives, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress," was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, obtained leave of absence for Mr. Reed, after the 30th of June, for the remainder of the session.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps,'" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Lyon;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

Ordered, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The joint resolution which originated in the House of Representatives, authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective Houses on the 6th day of July, instant, was read a third time; and

Resolved That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Smith, of New York, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to compensate for his services the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting as such when the office of Vice President of the United States shall be vacant," reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Franklin, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of the maritime frontier, and for the support of the navy of the United States," reported it without amendment; and the bill was resumed as in committee of the whole; and Mr. Gaillard was requested to take the chair; and no amendment having been proposed, the President resumed the chair; and Mr. Gaillard reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That it pass to the third reading.

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The bill last mentioned was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps,'" was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed the 30th of June, on the message of the President of the United States of that date, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1812.

The bill, entitled "An act to prohibit American vessels from proceeding to, or trading with, the enemies of the United States, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Taylor, Franklin, and Varnum, be the committee.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That, at the commencement of every session, in the absence of the Vice President, or when the office of Vice President shall be vacant, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Senate shall elect a President pro tempore.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Lyon," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Leib,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps,'" reported it

with an amendment; which was considered as in committee of the whole; and Mr. Anderson was requested to take the chair; and the President having resumed the chair, Mr. Anderson reported the bill amended, and it was agreed to in the Senate; and

Ordered, That the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That this bill pass to the third reading as amended.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to compensate for his services the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting as such when the office of Vice President of the United States shall be vacant;" and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and the President having resumed the chair, Mr. Varnum reported the bill with an amendment.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment to the bill last mentioned, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend the payment of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, late minister of the United States at the court of France, upon the Treasury of the United States;" a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the 'Act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars;' and a bill, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the old six per cent and deferred stocks, and providing for an exchange of the same;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. They have passed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act respecting the pay of the army of the United States," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned. Whereupon,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The three bills last brought up for concurrence were severally read by unanimous consent.

On motion,

It was agreed, by unanimous consent, that the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the old six per cent and deferred stocks, and providing for an exchange of the same," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

Ordered, That Messrs. Taylor, Campbell, of Tennessee, and Smith, of Maryland, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Campbell, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the Senate a copy of such discussions and correspondence relative to British impressments of seamen from American vessels, as may not have been heretofore communicated.

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts heretofore passed on the subject of an uniform rule of naturalization," be referred to the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act respecting alien enemies,' to consider and report thereon.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress," was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the 'Act giving further time to purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act respecting alien enemies,'" reported it with an amendment, which was considered as in committee of the whole, and Mr. Anderson was requested to take the chair; and the report having been agreed to,

The President resumed the chair, and Mr. Anderson reported the bill with an amendment; and it was agreed that the bill be amended accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment to the bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Bibb, from the same committee, reported the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts heretofore passed on the subject of an uniform rule of naturalization," without amendment; and the bill was resumed as in committee of the whole, and Mr. Leib was requested to take the chair; and, no amendment having been proposed,

The President resumed the chair, and Mr. Leib reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill pass to the third reading.

On motion,

The bill was, by unanimous consent, read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the military establishment and for the Indian department, for the year 1812," was read the second time, and resumed as in committee of the whole; and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, was requested to take the chair; and, no amendment having been proposed,

The President resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

The bill was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend the payment of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, late minister of the United States at the court of France, upon the Treasury of the United States," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1812.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to admit the entry of vessels of the United States on certain conditions;" the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of discharging all the outstanding claims for the construction and repair of the Capitol and the President's House; for the compensation of the late Surveyor of the Public Buildings; and for furniture for the different apartments of the Capitol, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of the maritime frontier, and for the support of the navy of the United States;" the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners;" also, the bill, entitled "An act confirming grants to lands in the Mississippi territory, derived from the British government of West Florida, not subsequently regranted by the government of Spain, or of the United States."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act respecting alien enemies,'" in the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to compensate for his services the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting as such when the office of Vice President of the United States shall be vacant;" also, in the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war;" and a bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States, and for other purposes;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several

enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the seven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Goodrich,

Ordered, That the committee to whom were referred the memorial of Howard, Fitch, and Lloyd, of New York, and of Bordman and Pope, of Boston, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Grout be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Secretary for the Department of War, to consider and report thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 5th instant, approved and signed "An act making a further appropriation for the defence of the maritime frontier, and for the support of the navy of the United States;" also, "An act concerning invalid pensioners." And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the 15th June, the memorial of Charles W. Goldsborough and others, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be postponed to the first Monday in November next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit American vessels from proceeding to, or trading with, the enemies of the United States, and for other purposes;" and Mr. Anderson was requested to take the chair.

On motion, by Mr. Lloyd,

To strike out, from section 3, lines 1 and 2, the words "and the armed forces of the same:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 17,
Nay 1.

On motion,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Condit, Crawford, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Howell, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New York, Tait, and Taylor.

Mr. Varnum voted in the negative.

And the bill having been further amended, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Anderson reported the bill with amendments, which were considered in Senate and agreed to.

The amendments to the bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps.'" And he withdrew.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States, on the 5th instant, approved and signed "An act to admit the entry of vessels of the United States on certain conditions;" also, "An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease, for a term of years, any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the seven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the 'Act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars;" and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and no amendment having been proposed,

The President resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported the bill without amendment; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,
The bill was amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment to the bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time by unanimous consent; and was further amended by consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the old six per cent. and deferred stocks, and providing for an exchange of the same," was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been proposed,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

The bill last mentioned was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States, and for other purposes," and Mr. Franklin was requested to take the chair; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The bill was amended.

The President resumed the chair, and Mr. Franklin reported the bill with an amendment.

On the question to agree to the amendment made in committee of the whole, to wit: "to strike out the first section:"

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 11, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 11. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Crawford, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Smith, of Maryland, Tait, and Taylor.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Howell, Smith, of New York, and Varnum.

And no further amendment having been proposed.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

The bill last mentioned was read a third time by unanimous consent.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 12, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 10. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brent, Campbell, of Tennessee, Condit, Cutts, Franklin, Howell, Robinson, Smith, of New York, Tait, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Crawford, Giles, Gilman, Goodrich, Horsey, Leib, Lloyd, Pope, Smith, of Maryland, and Taylor.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend the payment of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, late minister of the United States at the court of France, upon the Treasury of the United States;" and Mr. Anderson was requested to take the chair; and no amendment having been proposed,

The President resumed the chair, and Mr. Anderson reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

The bill last mentioned was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war," was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been proposed,

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

The bill last mentioned was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause an accurate census of the inhabitants of the Mississippi territory to be taken, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be postponed to the first Monday in November next.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be postponed to the first Monday in November next.

The President communicated a letter from Colonel Alexander Smyth, transmitting to the Senate the first copy of an edition of "Regulations for the field exercise, manœuvres, and conduct, of the infantry of the United States;" and the letter was read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 6 o'clock in the evening; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit American vessels from proceeding to, or trading with, the enemies of the United States, and for other purposes;" also, in the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the 'Act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars.'" And he withdrew.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend the payment of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, late minister of the United States at the court of France, upon the Treasury of the United States;" the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars;" the bill, entitled "An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war;" the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the army of the United States, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the old six per cent. and deferred stocks, and providing for an exchange of the same;" the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit American vessels from proceeding to, or trading with, the enemies of the United States, and for other purposes;" also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps.'"

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act respecting the pay of the army of the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States and notify him of the intended recess, and have appointed a committee on their part; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the seven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Varnum reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the seven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution from the House of Representatives for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the intended recess, and concurred therein.

Ordered, That Messrs. Robinson and Anderson be the committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate copies and extracts of documents in the archives of the Department of State, falling within the purview of their resolution of the fourth instant, on the subject of British impressments from American vessels. The information, though voluminous, might have been enlarged, with more time for research and preparation. In some instances it might, at the same time, have been abridged, but for the difficulty of separating the matter extraneous to the immediate object of the resolution.

JAMES MADISON.

July 6, 1812.

The message and documents therein referred to were read.

On motion,

Ordered, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has approved and signed "An act making additional appropriations for the military establishment, and for the Indian Department, for the year 1812;" "An act to compensate for his services the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting as such when the office of Vice President of the United States shall be vacant;" "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act giving further time to purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments;'" "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress;" "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act respecting alien enemies;'" "An act to prohibit American vessels from proceeding to, or trading with, the enemies of the United States, and for other purposes;" "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend the payment of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, late minister of the United States at the court of France, upon the Treasury of the United States;" "An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war;" "An act making further provision for the army of the United States, and for other purposes;" "An act authorizing a subscription for the old six per cent. and deferred stocks, and providing for an exchange of the same;" "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars;'" also, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps.'" The House of Representatives, having finished the business before them, are about to adjourn. And he withdrew.

Mr. Robinson, from the committee, reported that they had waited on the President of the United States, who informed them that he had no further communications to make to the two Houses of Congress.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate, having finished the legislative business before them, are about to adjourn.

Agreeably to the joint resolution, the President adjourned the Senate, to meet on the first Monday in November next.

APPENDIX.

List of Acts passed during the First Session of the Twelfth Congress.

- An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage.
- An act to alter the time of holding one of the terms of the district court in the district of Maine.
- An act making a further appropriation for the support of a library.
- An act extending the time for opening the several land offices established in the territory of Orleans.
- An act for the relief of Abraham Whipple, late a captain in the navy of the United States.
- An act allowing further time for completing the payments on certain lands, held by right of pre-emption, in the Mississippi territory.
- An act for the relief of Josiah H. Webb.
- An act to authorize the surveying and marking of certain roads in the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan.
- An act for the apportionment of representatives among the several states, according to the third enumeration.
- An act for completing the existing military establishment.
- An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States.
- An act to authorize the laying out and opening a public road from the line established by the treaty of Greenville, to the North Bend, in the state of Ohio.
- An act for the relief of John Burnham.
- An act to raise an additional military force.
- An act authorizing the purchase of ordnance and ordnance stores, camp equipage, and other quartermaster's stores, and small arms.
- An act directing the terms on which lands sold at public sale, and that revert for failure in payment, shall again be sold.
- An act to alter the time of holding the district court of the United States for the North Carolina district.
- An act to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers."
- An act to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to decide on the case of the ship Eliza Ann, belonging to Ezekiel Hubbel; and the case of the ship Mary and Frances, belonging to Nathaniel Goddard.
- An act to alter the times of holding the district courts within and for the district of Connecticut.
- An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps.
- An act for the revision of former confirmations, and for confirming certain claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia.
- An act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of mounted rangers during the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.
- An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to locate the lands reserved for the use of Jefferson College, in the Mississippi territory.
- An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States.
- An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.
- An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force.
- An act for the relief of captain Selah Benton.
- An act to establish a land district in the Illinois territory, east of the district of Kaskaskia, and to attach certain public lands to the district of Jeffersonville.

- An act for the relief of Thomas O'Bannon.
- An act supplementary to "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force," passed on the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight.
- An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.
- An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.
- An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States, to purchase of Winslow Lewis his patent right to the new and improved method of lighting light-houses, and for other purposes.
- An act supplementary to "An act to provide for the accommodation of the General Post Office, and for other purposes."
- An act for the relief of the board of commissioners west of Pearl river.
- An act making a further appropriation for the defence of our maritime frontier.
- An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the western district of the territory of Orleans.
- An act to alter the time of holding the circuit courts of the United States at Knoxville, in the district of East Tennessee, in the state of Tennessee.
- An act respecting the enrolling and licensing of steam boats.
- An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars.
- An act supplementary to "An act to raise an additional military force."
- An act to incorporate the trustees of the Georgetown Lancaster School Society.
- An act repealing the tenth section of the act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States.
- An act to alter the times of holding the circuit courts of the first district.
- An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes.
- An act concerning the naval establishment.
- An act granting to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city.
- An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States for a limited time.
- An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson.
- An act in addition to the act, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force," passed January the eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.
- An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to said state.
- An act for the relief of Thomas Orr.
- An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers who served in the late campaign on the Wabash.
- An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States.
- An act to prohibit the exportation of specie, goods, wares, and merchandise, for a limited time.
- An act to enlarge the limits of the state of Louisiana.
- An act giving further time for registering claims to land in the eastern district of the territory of Orleans.
- An act for the relief of William Hubbell.
- An act for the organization of a corps of artificers.
- An act to authorize the Secretary for the Department of War to exchange lands with the Ursuline Nuns, in the city of New Orleans.
- An act to authorize the granting of patents for land according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes.
- An act making provision for certain persons claiming lands under the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia.
- An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments.
- An act for the relief of Aaron Greeley.
- An act to continue in force for a limited time an act, entitled "An act continuing in force for a limited time the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned."
- An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to lands in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the river Mississippi and Island of New Orleans.
- An act to revive and continue in force an act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes.
- An act for the establishment of a General Land Office in the Department of the Treasury.

- An act authorizing the departure of ships and vessels from the ports and harbors of the United States in certain cases.
- An act authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the district court for the district of New York.
- An act making further provision for the corps of engineers.
- An act granting to the Governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, a lot of ground, and the buildings thereon, in the city of New Orleans.
- An act for the relief of Charles Minifie.
- An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington.
- An act to carry into effect an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland.
- An act to provide for designating, surveying, and granting, the military bounty lands.
- An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberlandland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio.
- An act for the relief of the citizens of Venezuela.
- An act for the relief of John Thompson.
- An act to alter and establish certain post roads.
- An act for the relief of Thomas F. Reddick.
- An act for the better regulation of the ordnance.
- An act to enlarge the boundaries of the Mississippi territory.
- An act making additional appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.
- An act making further provision for the army of the United States.
- An act to incorporate a bank in the town of Alexandria, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria.
- An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries.
- An act for the relief of John N. Stout.
- An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Illinois territory, and for other purposes.
- An act for the relief of Thomas and William Streshly.
- An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to establish a quartermaster's department, and for other purposes."
- An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Louisiana into the Union, and to extend the laws of the United States to the said state."
- An act for the relief of Ninian Pinkney.
- An act for the government of the territory of Missouri.
- An act supplemental to an act, entitled "An act for dividing the Indiana territory into two separate governments."
- An act to extend the time for exporting, with privilege of drawback, goods, wares, and merchandise, entitled thereto by law.
- An act for the relief of William Garrard.
- An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri.
- An act authorizing the remission of forfeited recognizances within the district of Columbia.
- An act authorizing the cutting and making a canal from the river Potomac around the west end of the dam or causeway from Mason's Island, and for other purposes.
- An act declaring war between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the dependencies thereof, and the United States of America and their territories.
- An act for the relief of Clement B. Penrose.
- An act authorizing the discharge of William Peck from his imprisonment.
- An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel William D. Beall.
- An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia.
- An act concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods.
- An act for the more perfect organization of the army of the United States.
- An act to ascertain the western boundary of the tract reserved for satisfying the military bounties allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment.
- An act confirming claims to lands in the Mississippi territory, founded on warrants of survey granted by the British or Spanish government.
- An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes.
- An act for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any port or place, and for other purposes.

- An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia."
- An act for the relief of James Wilkinson.
- An act to facilitate the transfer of stock, created under an act passed the tenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and three.
- An act for the relief of Anna Young, heiress and representative of Colonel John Durkee, deceased.
- An act conferring certain powers on the levy court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia.
- An act giving validity to the sale of certain tracts of public lands sold in the western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana.
- An act supplementary to an act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the protection of the frontier of the United States.
- An act authorizing the President of the United States to lease for a term of years any part of the reservations of public ground in the city of Washington.
- An act making an appropriation for the purpose of discharging all the outstanding claims for the construction and repair of the Capitol and the President's House; for compensation of the late Surveyor of Public Buildings, and for furniture for the different apartments of the Capitol, and for other purposes.
- An act concerning invalid pensioners.
- An act confirming grants to lands in the Mississippi territory, derived from the British government of West Florida, not subsequently regranted by the government of Spain or of the United States.
- An act to admit the entry of vessels of the United States on certain conditions.
- An act making a further appropriation for the defence of the maritime frontier, and for the support of the navy of the United States.
- An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend the payment of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, late Minister of the United States at the court of France, upon the Treasury of the United States.
- An act to compensate for his services the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting as such when the office of Vice President shall be vacant.
- An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war.
- An act to prohibit American vessels from proceeding to, or trading with, the enemies of the United States, and for other purposes.
- An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act respecting alien enemies."
- An act making additional appropriations for the military establishment, and for the Indian department, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.
- An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress.
- An act respecting the pay of the army of the United States.
- An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act giving further time to purchasers of public lands northwest of the river Ohio to complete their payments."
- An act authorizing a subscription to the old six per cent. and deferred stocks, and providing for an exchange of the same.
- An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars."
- An act making further provision for the army of the United States, and for other purposes.
- An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize certain volunteer military corps."
- Resolution granting permission to the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States to use the books in the library of Congress.
- Resolution on the subject of arts and manufactures.
- Resolution requesting the state of Georgia to assent to the formation of two states of the Mississippi territory.
- Resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation and prayer.

Senators of the United States whose seats will be vacated:

1813.	1815.	1817.
Mr. Bradley, Campbell, of Ohio, Cutts, Franklin, Gaillard, Goodrich, Gregg, Pope, Reed, Smith, of New York, Tait.	Mr. Anderson, Brent, Hunter, Dana, German, Horsey, Lambert, Leib, Lloyd, Robinson, Smith, of Maryland. Worthington.	Mr. Bayard, Bibb, Condit, Crawford, Giles, Gilman, Howell, Taylor, Turner, Campbell, of Tenn. Varnum.